

GOM #3: ACTS 9:1-19 THE GOD WHO WANTS TO BE KNOWN

God Is On A Mission

K1 Undisclosed underground meeting of north African leaders. MINDBLOWN. Story of the Tunisian man saw a vision Bible traveled to Egypt because no bible Tunisia. Came back transformed. Wife unbelieving suffering severe migraines. He prayed she healed. Mauritanian man who saw a vision of a man preaching in house about Jesus. Walked 200 miles to the city in his vision found the house man preaching he saw in his vision.

God is still the God who reveals Himself. Relentless nature divine love. Moves H/E

Yet 10/40 window billions people need Jesus. 3.3 of the 5.3 bil unreached. 42% global pop. Less 10% missionaries. 1% resources. GOD IS WORKING. DREAMS/VISIONS **SD**

While church hesitates God moves. Islamic world. Buddhist strongholds. Hindu temple

K2 MP: The greatest miracle is the salvation of one soul, and God will use any means to bring that miracle to pass. HOW MANY MIRACLES ROOM – Seek/Save Mission SD

- From Adam “Where R u? Saul “Why are u persecuting me?” Spirit&Bride COME
 - o God on Mission. Arc God’s **redemptive** plan **THAT’S WHAT HE’S DOING**

K3 The church is not the sender but the sent because God Himself is the first missionary. Lesslie Newbigin **HOW GOD DOES IT SD**

GOD WILL MEET YOU ON THE ROAD YOU’RE ON

SAUL. Pharisee. Tarsus. Roman Citizen. Hellenized. Hebrew of Hebrews. Tribe of Benjamin. Pharisee Gamaliel. Contemporary of JESUS

- **PUB ENEMY #1:** Threatening. Murdering. Terrorist. Notorious. **HUNTING XIANS**

K4 God didn’t just stop Saul in his tracks; he transformed him. **PERSECUTE PREACH H/L**
GOD PURSUES THE UNLIKELYEST PEOPLE SD

ALWAYS unlikely. Fishermen. Tax collectors. Zealots. Demon Possessed. Christian Killers.
NOT ALL BUT THAT’S REAL. WE ALL UNLIKELY

- **DIVERSITY OF PEOPLE IN AWAKEN LAS VEGAS.** Doctors, ex cons, business people, former exotic dancers, pimps, homeschool moms, lawyers, casino owners, cirque performers, production personnel. Military. First responders
 - o **IDENTITY IN CHRIST. CHRIST FOLLOWERS.**

I use all those in the same sentence because we are all part of the same family.

UNLIKELYEST PLACES: Dusty road on his way to persecute God’s people

- Not always a church service. An ICU hallway, divorce court, rehab center

K5 Kingdom vision means that we expect God to reveal Himself to unlikely people in the most unlikely places. **WE LEAN INTO THAT TO BE A PART OF THAT. Sign me up SD**

GOD’S MEANS ARE SUPERNATURAL EVEN IN WHAT SEEMS NATURAL

A LIGHT FROM HEAVEN. THE VOICE OF JESUS. TEMPORARY BLINDNESS. COMMISS

AWARENESS (light, goads). **REVELATION** (self-disclosure). **INVITATION** (blindness – rock bottom – nowhere else). **REDIRECTION** (new life). **SAMARITAN WOMAN. NICO**

- Extraordinarily Miraculous – MORE OFTEN THAN NOT.

THE SUPERNATURAL IN THE NATURAL

K6 Sometimes the supernatural means that God uses seem simple or ordinary. **LOVES IT**

- WE THINK IT'S LESS – I AM SAYING ITS NOT LESS **SD**

Selection of UCI. Roommate. Nothing more ordinary. **PATIENT MINISTRY**

- Christian parents. Influencer in prison. Urban community center. Mission trip. Coworker. IT'S the POWER OF GOD'S SPIRIT IN AND THRU UR LIFE
- HERO. Ananias. **Gentle Prompt. SERIOUS? THIS GUY IS TROUBLE. NATURAL**
 - o **SAY YES**

The people God rescues may make some of us uncomfortable. Our prob not theirs

THE MIRACLE IS UNION WITH GOD AND LIFE TRANSFORMATION

The purpose for God's pursuit of Paul was to unite HIMSELF TO PAUL. MEANT UTURN

- GPS call out UTURN when u miss your turn. GETS LONGER. **NO OTHER ROUTE**
- PAUL'S SELF-RELIANCE REJECTION OF JESUS DROVE HIM AWAY NOT TO GOD
 - o Power of REPENTANCE. United Him to God

John 14:23 "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

K7 God makes a home in us so that we might make our home in God. Miroslav Volf **SD**
Kingdom Vision leads us to see union with God as the greatest of all His miracles.

- **TRANSFORMATIONAL POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – A NEW CREATION**

K8 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. **SD**

K9 God doesn't speak to us from fire in a bush that's not consumed; He speaks from a Savior who was crucified on a tree and rose from the dead. **SD**

K10 **BE THE MIRACLE YOU WANT TO SEE – not pop spirituality but sound theology**
Share Christ Your obedience in the small things can become a gateway to someone else's miracle..... Disciplea saul, respond promptings Spirit, share your testimony. **BE AVAIL**

CALL ON THE NAME **SD**