**Life Group Notes**

**Paul – The Man and His Message – Part 2**

**Acts 26:12-23**

1. In this passage there are a dozen words or phrases that help describe the gospel that Paul preached. How many of these can you find?
2. Paul’s explanation of the gospel in terms of what Christ has done is expressed in a single verse (v23). How sufficient do you think is that statement? How would you expand it to describe what Jesus has done?
3. In verse 18 Jesus tells Paul the effect that the gospel will have on people who receive it. How would people in the group say they have experienced one or more of the five elements described here:
   1. the opening of eyes,
   2. the turn from darkness to light
   3. the turn from Satan to God
   4. forgiveness of sins
   5. a place among those who have been sanctified, or set apart, by faith in Jesus
4. In verse 20 Paul says he preached that people should repent and prove their repentance by their deeds. How do you react to the idea that you need to prove your repentance? How might you do that?
5. What was it about Paul’s gospel that led the Jews to try to kill him (v21)? What is it about the gospel that offends people nowadays?
6. If you read on to verse 28 you see that the response of King Agrippa to Pauls’ defence is to ask him, ‘Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?’ What would you say ‘in a short time’ to persuade someone to become a Christian?