

## 11-05-25 Discussion Questions

Paul's transformation on the road to Damascus was immediate and complete—he never returned to persecuting Christians. What specific areas of your 'old life' do you find yourself digging up, and why is it so difficult to leave them buried?

The sermon emphasizes that baptism represents burial of the old self, not repair or cleanup. How does viewing yourself as a 'new creation' rather than a 'fixed version' change your understanding of your identity in Christ?

The preacher shares that he was saved at 32 and had a completely wild past. How does having a dramatic conversion story versus growing up in church affect one's approach to evangelism and sharing the gospel?

When discussing Halloween evangelism, the sermon asks why Christians close their doors when people willingly come knocking. What opportunities for sharing the gospel do you avoid because they fall outside your comfort zone or traditional church settings?

The sermon states that 'comfort and growth can't coexist.' In what areas of your spiritual life have you prioritized comfort over the discomfort that comes with genuine growth and obedience?

The preacher mentions carrying mustard seeds, tiny Jesuses, and now shovels as conversation starters. What tangible practices or tools could you incorporate into your daily life to remind yourself to share Christ with others?

The 'mat carrier' concept emphasizes having Christian friends who will discipline and correct you, not just encourage you. Do you have relationships where someone could confront your sin without you becoming defensive, and if not, what prevents you from developing them?

The sermon challenges the idea that we can't memorize Scripture by pointing out we can remember 90s rap songs. What does your ability to memorize song lyrics, movie quotes, or other information reveal about your

true priorities and where you invest mental energy?

When discussing the engineer at Lockheed Martin who confronted him about sin, the preacher asks 'why me?' in that moment. How might God be positioning you in specific places with specific people for gospel conversations you're currently avoiding?

The sermon emphasizes that prayer is 'not a spare tire' but our 'first offense.' How does your actual prayer life—when you pray, what you pray about, and how fervently—reflect whether you truly believe prayer is a direct line to the Creator of the universe?