

Going Viral – Grace Goes Viral

Part 1

Key Scriptures: Romans 1:1-7; Acts 7:57-58; Acts 8:1-3; Acts 9:1-19;

1. Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What is the first “Viral Video” that you remember? What is your favorite Viral Video? What is the silliest video that has ever gone viral in your opinion?
- Why do so many creators/influencers try to create a viral video? Money is certainly a prime motivation, but why else? Does it prove that they are worth listening to?

2. Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read Romans 1:1-4. Paul is introducing himself. But he doesn’t focus on his resume/abilities/strengths. Instead, what does he focus on? Why?
- Read Acts 7:57-58 and Acts 8:1-3. This is the resume of Saul, who later becomes known as Paul! What was Saul’s first introduction to Christianity? What do you think is his opinion of Christianity after reading these passages?
- Read Acts 9:1-19. Saul meets Jesus! What do you think was going through Saul’s mind during the three days he was blind? Why?
- Notice what Ananias calls Saul when he first meets him. Why would he call Saul “brother”? Explain.
- Read Acts 9:21-22. How did Saul prove that Jesus was the Messiah? What in his past helped him do this? What were the Scriptures he might have used to do this? (My favorites are Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53)

3. Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- What is your “resume” when convincing others that Jesus is Lord? Whether your past is filled with obedience or filled with destroying the church (or anything in between), how can God use your story to tell others about Him?
- What about Jesus compels you to trust Him? What questions have been barriers to knowing God and how have they been answered?
- Who in your life do you need to trust that God will use you or others to demonstrate His love to them?
- How did this quote from Jerry Bridges impact you? “Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God’s grace. And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God’s grace.”

4. Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

- Pray for the persons you and your group identified as needing God to demonstrate Himself to them.
- Pray how you might be the person God uses in one of these people’s lives.

5. Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Invite others this summer to church, the MoKids! and Student Ministries events (like Extreme Week!, and to your Community Group so that they might encounter God in these gatherings.