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**SERMON TITLE: "Christian" - Brad Williams**

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:**

- Acts 11:25-26
- Acts 26:24-29
- 1 Peter 4:14-16

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**Connect: Grow together**

1. How did God show up in your life this week?
2. What are you thankful for since the last time we met? Stressed about?
3. Did you follow through on any action steps from last time? How did it go?

**Discover: Let the words sink in**

1. What was the main point of this week's message, in your own words?
2. What jumped out at you?
3. What did this message say about God and about people? If this is true and you acted on it, how might this change your life?
4. How will you apply what you learned before we meet again?
5. Create an "I will" statement based on the message.

**Challenge Questions:**

1. This week, in our series "Know Thyself" we talked about our identity as "Christians" - a word only used three times in the New Testament. What is the significance of the fact that this name developed outside of the community of Jesus followers and was derived by those on the outside?
2. What are the 'categories of identity' that are most common in our culture? In other words, how do we typically identify ourselves? What words or terms do we use? How does 'Christian' go beyond those categories?
3. If the word Christian was used in the first century as a description of people who didn't fit the categories of culture, how would we need to live today in order to require a new term to be derived for us? How does that question or that thinking challenge you - the idea that we should live in a way that culture would have to come up with a new name for us?

4. We closed by looking at the sort of Paul's trial in Acts 26. Paul directs his conversation to the king and pleads with him to trust what he knows. How is that relevant to you, right now?
5. Is there anything you are challenged to change, right now, because of what we talked about on Sunday?

**Multiply: Share the Love**

1. Are there any concerns/difficulties that you are currently facing? Is there any way that the group can help?
2. Who else can the group show kindness to?
3. Do you know someone who could benefit from hearing what you have learned?