

Hello everyone

I wonder how many people you've worked with throughout your life?

Is it a few, hundreds or even more?

Did you work right next to them? Or across different cities or even throughout the world.

However, we work with people

Or even however we live out our leisure time, we do it with others, don't we?

Spreading our news ever further from place to place maybe even to the ends of the world.

Does that phrase to the ends of the world ring any bells for you?

It's what Jesus asks his disciples to do

To take the good news to the ends of the earth.

It's what we do as church people

The church has a word for it. We call it a calling and a calling is not just something a minister has, we all have them.

And we all have stories about how our work to spread that message for God works out day by day.

Today we think about one of the big characters in the Bible Paul. He's someone who was a young contemporary of Jesus and yet their paths never really crossed until one day a strange meeting occurs on the road to Damascus.

Paul experiences something but he needs help from others to work out what has happened to him and the people who help him are the people who have reason to suspect his motives because Paul's early career was all about persecuting Christians.

Yet it is Ananias who against his better judgement it seems goes when God calls him to help Paul understand that he saw Jesus on the road to Damascus.

A life changing moment for Paul.

Just as when we hear God call in our lives, it leads to life changing moments for all of us.

In Acts, Luke tells us that a voice says to Saul soon to be known as Paul

Why do you persecute me?

Saul asked, 'Who are you Lord?'

The reply came 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city and you will be told what to do.'

Let us worship God as we rejoice in the knowledge that God will help us discover what we are to do.