



## Feeling left behind / forgotten

For many people this subject is really difficult. It's never easy when you feel left out or forgotten. Before you start why not spend some time together in prayer. Ask God to help you with this subject and enable you to listen to what the Spirit is saying to you as individuals and as a group. Please be sensitive when talking about this subject as it may bring up old wounds or emotions that people find hard to speak about.

### Read Luke 4:1-11; Acts 22:1-5

1. Being forgotten or left behind can make you feel rejected by others. Can you share a time where you have felt this way.
2. Being overlooked is never a nice feeling. So often we feel that in order to fit in we have to give our resume, can you think of a time you have felt the need to prove yourself to others?
3. Paul was originally on the side of the Pharisees, which he thought was the godly side, after his encounter with Christ this changed, have you ever had such a dramatic theological turn around in your life? What happened?
4. Paul's conversion put him on the side of the wanted list. He was hunted by the Pharisees and mis-trusted by the followers of Christ, this put him in a difficult situation of being in no-mans land. Can you think of anyone else in scripture who has had a similar problem? How did they overcome it? What can we learn from their stories?
5. Read **Deuteronomy 31:1-6**. In this passage Moses is handing the reigns over to Joshua. He is not entering the promised land as are the majority of the people who left Egypt. Knowing God would never leave Joshua and the Israelites must have given them great comfort with the loss of Moses, how does this challenge you? How does knowing God is always with you and will never leave you help you when you are feeling forgotten by others.