

2021 Youth Celebration

Re:VISION: WAKE UP!



Scripture: Acts 9:1-22

The theme of 2021 Youth Celebration calls us to **Wake Up!**

As the conference planning team engaged in what **re:Vision** might mean for **Youth Celebration**, we kept returning to the story of Saul/Paul in **Acts**: How Saul saw **Christians** in a **negative** light and persecuted them; how we was met by **Jesus** in a vision on the road and was **blinded** for a time by Christ's **light** and **love**; how his eye were **opened**, but he could not **see**; how we was sent to the house of **Ananias**; how “**scales**” fell from his eyes; how he received a **new name** and a new **vocation/mission**.

Wake up! will lead us through the **major movements** of this story and help us make **connections** to our own lives as followers of **Jesus**. As we **worship, play, sing** and **serve together**, we will learn what it means to follow **Christ** with our **energy, intelligence, imagination** and **love**.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Story Focus	General overview of what's going on with Saul in Acts.	Saul is knocked off his horse. Jesus asks him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"	Ananias hears Saul is coming/being sent to his house, and is worried because of what he has heard about Saul.	Saul's eyes are open, but he doesn't see anything. Then, the scales fall from Saul's eyes, and he regains (new) sight.	Saul's name is changed to Paul. He gets a new name and a new devotion.	Remembering the larger parts of the story, the larger narrative at work in God's story.
Message	Begin thinking about how we relate to Saul/Paul. Look at the story through different "lenses" and from different points of view: us, God within small groups, in a larger community, the outside world, etc.	Uncovering the issues, how do we see ourselves? Upon examination, we acknowledge there are things that are wrong in the world and ask "please help me see myself in a different way."	When we "respect" others, we see them through new eyes, with different perspective — ourselves included.	Consider how God sees us, and how we can begin to see ourselves and others with new, open clear eyes of our hearts.	When we are given new vision and insight into our lives and faith, what does that call us to do? How do we move on from an old/former way of seeing to a new way of being?	Return to God's word; Return to God's love; Return to yourself; Be sent out, commissioned with renewed purpose and vision.
Key Word(s)	<i>RELATE</i>	<i>REVEAL</i>	<i>RESPECT</i>	<i>REFORM</i>	<i>RECALL</i>	<i>RETURN</i>
Guiding Questions	What in God's story can we relate to?	What needs light shed on it? What needs to be seen?	Who needs to be seen? What in us needs seeing? Where are our eyes open, but we do not see?	How are we being reshaped? What new vision is being given to us?	What do we do now? To what new things are we being called?	How do we live this out? How do we carry this new vision as we return home?