

CHURCH IN THE WILD

Discussion Guide for “Deconstructing” *Church in the Wild* Week 4

When we start to question foundational aspects of our faith, it feels scary. When others begin to question, we feel threatened. But "deconstruction," as this process has become known, is a vital part of a healthy, vibrant faith. It's a process that's not predictable and not quick. But Paul's nearly two decades between conversion and mission work offer a window into the good that comes when we trust that God is not only not threatened by questions, but working with us to have a deeper and stronger faith than ever.

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Acts 9:19-28](#); [Galatians 1:11-2:1](#)

click here to [read all scriptures](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is [Acts 9:1-28](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. Before today, were you familiar with the concept of deconstruction? Is it something you've experienced yourself?
2. Do you find the idea of deconstruction threatening, liberating, scary, exciting or more? Discuss.
3. Revisit Paul's experiences after his experience on the way to Damascus. Did you know how long he waited before going on his first missionary trip? Why do you think it took him such a long time to get to the place he was ready to serve as a missionary?
4. What does it look like to create space for deconstruction in your own life? In the life of someone you care about? In our church?
5. How can Catalyst be a place that encourages those who are deconstructing and reconstructing?