

*January 5, 2020*

# NORTH METRO CHURCH

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## NMC SERMON SERIES CONTENT



### **The “Darkroom” SERIES OVERVIEW:**

In order for film to be developed into a photo, a photographer must take the film into a darkroom where the film is taken through a meticulous chemical process. As followers of Jesus, God takes each of us through times, often difficult times, in order to develop us into the image of His Son. In our next series, entitled The Darkroom, we are going to take a look at several people throughout the Bible who had to go through a “darkroom” experience that would prepare them for God’s call on their lives. In the process, our hope is that we will all discover what they learned and apply it to our lives.

# THE “DARKROOM”

## WEEK 1



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### Icebreaker:

What do you tend to do when you have to wait? (Specifically, when you have to wait on God?)

### Discussion Questions:

What stood out to you from Rob’s message on Sunday?

What are your thoughts on the following statement from Rob: *“God needs you to see who you are WITHOUT it before He can trust you WITH IT.”*

### Read Acts 9:1-31.

What sticks out to you about Paul’s story?

Why does God send Paul into a darkroom experience? What are some of the potential dangers of sending Paul out before he has a season to develop?

While Paul is in the darkroom, he:

1. Makes Peace with His Past
2. Moves Forward in Faith
3. Does the Next Right Thing

### Read 1 Timothy 1:12-16.

How does Paul go about making peace with his past?

How can your past negatively impact your future if you do not make peace with it?

Where do you need to do make peace with your past?

**Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 and Philippians 3:12-14.**

How do these passages demonstrate Paul moving forward in faith?

In the 2 Corinthians passage, Paul talks about a thorn in his flesh. What is yours?

What do you think God wants your life outside the dark room to be like?

What comes to mind when you hear the following quote from Mother Theresa:

*"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."*

Rob submitted that while wait in the darkroom, we should: "Do the next right thing."

In your current season, what does the next right thing look like for you?

What's your dark room right now? What do you think God is developing within you in this season?

Looking back at this week's teaching and study, is there one thing you'd especially like to remember this week?

What questions do you still have?