

Lesson 19

DAY ONE:

1. Review and reflect on our study last week from Acts 8. What did you find helpful or challenging that you want to remember and/or act upon?
2. **Read Acts 7:51-8:1; Acts 9:1-2.** If these were the only passages you knew about Saul, how would you describe him?
3. Put yourself into Saul's place as he was on his way to Damascus. What thoughts and emotions do you imagine were stirring inside him?
4. If we were a believer in Damascus and learned Saul was on his way with these clear intentions, what might you be thinking or doing?

DAY TWO: Read Acts 9:3-9

5. Describe the things Saul saw and heard on his journey to Damascus?
6. What truth is being revealed to Saul in v. 4-5? Why is this significant?
7. Read v. 7 along with Acts 22:9 and tell what you find interesting.
8. Why do you think God struck Saul blind for three days?

DAY THREE: Read Acts 9:10-19

9. Explain the assignment the Lord gives to Ananias and his reaction to it. (v.11-16)
10. List all the elements and significance of what Ananias does when he interacts with Saul. (v.17-19)

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11. What does Saul's conversion teach us about attitudes or praying for those who don't believe?
12. Do you hesitate to tell people about your salvation experience because it lacks the drama that other stories may have? Why or why not? Is one more effective than another?
13. As you look back on your own spiritual journey, briefly outline one or two things or situations that had great impact on your faith or belief in Jesus as Messiah.

DAY FOUR: Read Acts 9:19-31

14. How does Luke describe Saul's activities in v.19-22? How is it surprising and how do you think this was possible?
15. Read Paul's own testimony in Galatians 1:17-18. Scholars place these three years in Arabia as possibly falling after v. 22 or v.25. Think through the details given and comment on the benefits for Saul.
16. Describe Barnabus and how he intervened on Saul's behalf. What can we learn from Barnabus?

DAY FIVE: Read Acts 9:32-42

17. Luke now returns the reader to Peter's activities. What details and results do you observe and find interesting in the two healings?
 - Aeneas
 - Tabitha/Dorcas