

GROUPS DISCUSSION GUIDE

Get Into The Word

Leader Edition



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Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

Introduction

In Acts 9, we witness the dramatic conversion of Saul, who transforms from a fierce persecutor to a devoted follower of Christ. This passage challenges us to reflect on our own encounters with Jesus and consider how He is calling us to change. As we explore Saul's journey, let's examine our personal testimonies, recognizing the moments God has pursued us and the ways we have responded. How can Saul's experience inspire us to remove any spiritual blinders and fully embrace the mission God has for us today?

Disciple Measure

Force for Good: How has Jesus impacted the legacy you are leaving?

Notes:

Discussion Questions

The Way to God; Paul's Conversion

Opening Question: Share a time when you experienced a significant change in your life. How did it impact you?

HIGHLIGHT

Have someone (or several people since it is a longer passage) read aloud...

[Acts 9:1-19](#)

EXPLAIN

Discuss the following questions...

1. What stands out to you most about Paul's conversion story? Why?
2. Discuss the three elements of a Christian testimony: life before Christ, the moment of conversion, and life after. How do these elements appear in Paul's story?
3. How does Paul's conversion challenge our assumptions about who can be saved or used by God?
4. Reflect on Ananias' role in Paul's conversion. What can we learn from his obedience despite his initial reservations?

Have someone read aloud [Galatians 1:11-16](#).

5. How does this passage show God's sovereign plan for Saul's life?

Application Questions Notes:

APPLY

Discuss the following questions...

1. If God can save Paul, he can save anyone. How does this truth impact your view of evangelism and your own faith journey?
2. What are some forms of spiritual blindness we might encounter today?
3. How does the idea that "God made the first move" in salvation impact your understanding of your relationship with God?
4. Discuss the three elements of a Christian testimony: life before Christ, the moment of conversion, and life after, and how you see those in your own story.

RESPOND

Force for Good: The story here with Ananias shows the importance of intimacy with the Lord and following where he leads. Ananias was an instrument used by God to help reach Saul. How do we as followers of Jesus keep in step with Him and follow where He leads?

Find out about opportunities to be used by God at [Missions Night](#) on March 6 at 6:30 PM.



Prayer:

Close in prayer by thanking God for His relentless pursuit of us, even when we were far from Him. Ask for the courage to respond to His call and for eyes to see where He is working in our lives and the lives of those around us.

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Questions for Families

Here are some questions you can discuss with the whole family.

Acts 9:1-19

What does this Scripture about Saul and Jesus tell us about who God is?

Guide for Discussion: For younger children, talk about how God is loving and powerful enough to change even the biggest troubles into good things. Older children can discuss how God is always reaching out to people, even those who might seem too far gone, and how He is willing to forgive and give new chances.

How do you think Saul's change on the road to Damascus helps us think about ourselves?

Guide for Discussion: Encourage younger kids to think about how everyone can change and grow, even when they make mistakes. For older children, discuss how we all have the ability to learn and become better individuals through Jesus and how our past doesn't have to define our future.

How do you think our lives change because of meeting Jesus?

Guide for Discussion: With younger children, focus on being kind to others. Older kids can explore the idea of embracing forgiveness and new beginnings, just like Saul did when he became Paul. Talk about how we can help others see the good news of love and hope through our actions.

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WEEK: 8

- Acts 12
- Acts 13
- Acts 14
- James 1
- James 2

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 5:15-16

Resources

Resources to Listen To

BEMA Discipleship Podcast - Unclean Sheets



Marty Solomon dives into the conversion of Saul. Scan the QR code or click [here](#).
(45 min)

BEMA Discipleship Podcast - Theosabes



Marty Solomon dives into the context around the conversion of Saul. Scan the QR code or click [here](#).
(42min)

Resources to Watch

Sermon +



Dive into some of the answers to your questions from Luke and Acts so far in our reading with Pastor Robby's Sermon + click [here](#).

(1 hour)

Life Group Resources

We have a variety of resources and are continually adding new ones. Some of our resources include group launch guides, on-demand training modules, and curriculum resources. To request a resource, reach out to us at groups@longhollow.com.

D-Group Resources

If you or someone you know would like to start a D-group, we have everything you need, including reading plans, journals, and a launch guide to walk you through the first four meetings.



Notes:

What's Going On?

In this part of the Bible, Acts 9:1-19, we dive into a powerful story about Saul, a man who was determined to stop the spread of Jesus' message. Imagine someone who is super passionate about their own beliefs, so much so that they can't stand anyone who thinks differently. That's Saul! At the start of this story, he's on a mission to hunt down followers of Jesus, intending to bring them back to Jerusalem as prisoners.

But there's a twist! On his way to Damascus, Saul experiences something extraordinary. A bright light from heaven flashes around him, and he falls to the ground. He hears the voice of Jesus asking, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" This encounter shakes Saul to his core and leaves him temporarily blind. The story gets even more interesting when a disciple named Ananias, despite his fears, follows God's command to find Saul, pray for him, and help him regain his sight. Suddenly, Saul is not just healed; he's changed on the inside, too. He goes from being a fierce opponent of Jesus to a passionate follower. The transformation is incredible!

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Today's highlighted passage and other related passages

Sermon Notes

Acts 9:1-19 CSB

Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

Spirit-Led Follower

A disciple who walks with Jesus daily, anchoring their lives to God's Word and obediently following the Holy Spirit where He leads.

Intentional Friend

A disciple who is always looking for ways to care for others and meet their needs. This is a practical way to be present in the lives of those around us.

Humble Guide

A disciple who is a humble guide takes every opportunity to help people take their next step closer to Jesus. This is someone who is constantly looking for opportunities to have Gospel conversations and speak truth into someone's life.

Force For Good

When a disciple lives out their God-given calling, they naturally become a force for good where they live, work, and play. This type of person is looking for opportunities to meet needs, heal brokenness, and bring tangible hope to the people in their life and in their community.



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