

Lesson 5 Chapter 9:1-31 | Acts of the Apostles

[Please be prepared to answer at least two questions during your group time. Please consider volunteering your answer to help the Zoom process move more effectively. Thank you.]

- 1. **Read** Acts 9:1-9, II Samuel 7:11-14, Isaiah 11:2-5, 42:1-7, Jeremiah 23:5, 33:15-18. Why did Saul believe Jesus was a heretic trying to destroy Judaism, and was not the Messiah?
- 2. **Read** Acts 22:1-5 and Galatians 1:13-14. What made Saul feel justified to imprison and kill Jewish Christians?
- 3. What issues cause you to become so angry you can feel yourself wanting to hurt people either verbally or physically? (It may feel difficult to share these thoughts with other men. The "Christian" answer is to say you never feel that way.)
- 4. What are a few possible reasons Jesus introduced himself to Saul in this manner?
- 5. Can you share a story of how Jesus forced you to examine your lifestyle and choices?
- 6. Why do you think God wanted us to see Saul being led like a sheep by other men after his conversion?
- 7. **Read** Acts 9:10-19 and 22:1-21. Why do you think God used Ananias to heal Saul and reveal his new life mission, and what does that say to you about the role of men like Ananias?
- 8. **Read** Acts 9:20-25, Gal 1:15-18, and Matthew 4:1-11. Why do you think God led Saul to Arabia for three years before launching him into ministry?
- 9. **Read** Acts 9:26-31. How did the Jerusalem church overcome their fear and accept Saul?
- 10. How can God use you to help bring a time of peace to our churches and other believers?