

The Heart of the Matter

12. How did the Lord first get your attention? How would you compare your conversion experience to Saul's experience?

13. Who has played the role of Ananias in your life? To whom might the Lord want you to be an Ananias in someone else's life?

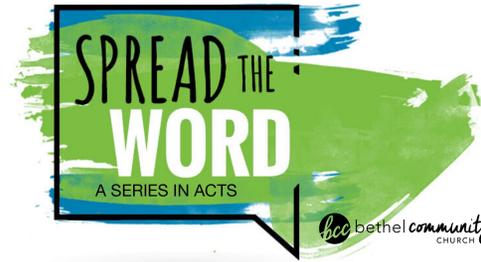
14. Have you ever assumed that some people are just beyond God's reach? How does this account challenge your previous assumptions?

15. What is the most significant life transformation that you have ever seen in the life of a new believer?

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Life Group Study Guide

The Unlikely Disciple

Acts 9:1-19

For the Week of February 10, 2019

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. What is the longest that you have ever been without food or drink?
3. Tell of an experience where you were in the dark about something and the "lights came on" for you?

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Digging Deeper

4. From what we have studied previously in Acts 7:54-59 what do we know about Saul up to this point?

5. Saul's former teacher was Gamaliel (Acts 22:3). What had Gamaliel advised the Sanhedrin regarding Christians in Acts 5:34-39? How is Saul responding to this advice? What does this show about him?

6. Describe what happened to Saul in verses 3-9 from Saul's viewpoint? From Saul's companions' viewpoint? From Jesus' viewpoint?

7. Was Saul's heart open to his encounter with Jesus? Why or why not? How did Jesus change Saul's mind about how things really are?

8. In verses 4-6 what do you think was going through Saul's mind as Jesus spoke to him? In contemplating his past behavior and attitude towards Christians, what do you think was on Saul's mind as he encountered three days of blindness and fasting?

9. Initially in verses 10-19 Ananias was reluctant to follow the Lord's instructions regarding Saul. What was at stake for him? How did God overcome Ananias' objections?

10. Why did God choose to use Ananias to go to Saul in this situation? Why didn't God just continue to work with Saul independently?

11. What took place in Saul's life after Ananias laid hands on him in verses 17-19?