



Read this week's scripture and answer the questions below. As you read, consider how these verses fit into what you are seeing or experiencing today. Prepare to share with your small group anything that jumped out at you, confused you, encouraged you, challenged you, or convicted you.

1. Before you read, pray that the Lord would give you insight and understanding into this week's text. Read Acts 9:1-31. Beyond comprehension, ask God for faith in action, next steps to walk out.
2. Spend time in verses 1-8. Note the amazing difference between Saul in verse 1 and Saul in verse 8. No one is the same after encountering the risen Jesus. Let these thoughts lead you to prayer. Thank God for the changes he has already brought about in your life already. Ask what changes he would bring about now?
3. Read verses 10-14. We meet Ananias. Ananias hears God's call and immediately hears a second call: his own fear. In what ways is fear keeping you from fully following God? Bring this confession to the Lord today. Pray for greater faith, then trust Him for greater things.
4. Take in verses 15-19. See Ananias' obedience. Hear what Jesus calls Saul: an instrument of mine to carry my name. Consider the work that Christ would accomplish through Paul. Jesus does great work through unlikely characters. Let this truth lead you to prayer. What work is he calling you to? Don't be too quick to look to new circumstances; look to the circumstance He has you in today.
5. Read and think on verses 20-25. Paul responds immediately. The Devil strikes back. The Lord makes a way for Paul. Do one of these movements resonate with you? The response, the resistance, the rescue? Bring these things to the Lord in prayer today.
6. Spend time with verses 26-30. Paul would like to join the disciples, but trust is not easily established. Our past actions have consequences. Here's the challenge: is there a tough conversation you've been avoiding? Pray for God's peace, presence and power...then make the call, send the text, set up the meet, offer the apology, reset, redeem, restore.
7. We end the week with verse 31, an incredible verse. Sit between the fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Let both amaze you. Offer your praise to Him today.

Notes/Prayer Request

Acts 9:15
But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel.