

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

DEC. 7/8 - ACTS 9 - ANANIAS & THE CONVERSION OF SAUL

READ TOGETHER

Acts 9:1-31

BIG IDEA

Jesus Christ is sovereign over all things.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read verses 1-5. Now put yourself in Saul's sandals for a minute. How would the words that Jesus spoke to him have impacted him?
2. Read verse 6. How does Saul's life change with the words Jesus speaks to him here?
3. Read verses 10-12. How would it have felt to have been Ananias when the Lord spoke these words to him?
4. Read verses 13-19. Why do you think Ananias obeys what God tells him to do?
5. Read verses 19b-30. How would you describe the early months of Saul's life following his conversion? In what way is this a fulfillment of what Jesus says in verses 15 and 16?
6. Look through verses 19b-30 one more time. What is the one positive thing that happens to Saul?
7. Having read through this story of the conversion of Saul, what in his experience needs to be the experience of every Christ-follower?
8. Has God ever asked you to do something difficult – like He asked Ananias? How did you respond?
9. Think for a minute about the role of Barnabas in Saul's life. In what ways do we need Barnabas' in the Church today? How can you imagine someone serving in a Barnabas-like role?

CHALLENGE

This week, think of someone who has served a Barnabas-like role in your life. Take time to call or email or talk to them in person to thank and encourage them for how they have encouraged you.

PRAYER

Take time to talk to God. Tell Him of your belief that He is sovereign and in control of your life. Then ask Him if there's anything He wants you to do in obedience to Him even if it's hard. When you hear His voice, obey what He tells you to do.

NEXT STEP

Read Job chapters 38-41 where we gain a deeper understanding of God's sovereignty over all He has created.

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