

Bible Study Guide: Paul's Conversion

Scripture Focus: Acts 9:1–22

Theme

God can transform any life through an encounter with Jesus Christ.

Big Idea

Paul's conversion reminds us that no one is too far gone for God's grace, and every believer is called into a new purpose through Christ.

Study Outline

I. Saul's Condition Before Christ

Scripture: Acts 9:1–2

Saul was determined to destroy the church. He believed he was serving God, yet he was spiritually blind to the truth about Jesus.

Key Points

- Religious activity does not equal a relationship with God.
- Pride and anger can blind us spiritually.
- God sees beyond our past and knows our future purpose.

Supporting Scriptures

- Philippians 3:4–6
- 1 Timothy 1:13–15
- Proverbs 14:12

Discussion Questions

1. What motivated Saul before his conversion?
2. How can people be spiritually blind today?
3. Why is religion alone not enough?

Life Application

Ask God to reveal any areas where pride or self-reliance may be keeping you from deeper obedience.

II. The Encounter with Jesus

Scripture: Acts 9:3–9

On the road to Damascus, Saul encountered the risen Christ. This moment changed everything.

Key Points

- Jesus personally confronts Saul.
- God often interrupts our plans to redirect our lives.
- True conversion begins with encountering Jesus.

Supporting Scriptures

- John 14:6
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Revelation 3:20

Discussion Questions

1. Why was this encounter necessary for Saul?
2. What does Jesus mean when He says, “Why are you persecuting Me?”
3. How does Jesus still confront people today?

Life Application

Reflect on your personal encounter with Christ. How has Jesus changed your direction?

III. Blindness Before Spiritual Sight

Scripture: Acts 9:8–9

Saul lost his physical sight, but God was preparing him to receive spiritual vision.

Key Points

- God sometimes removes distractions to get our attention.
- Waiting seasons can prepare us for transformation.
- Spiritual growth often begins with surrender.

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 46:10
- Isaiah 55:8–9
- James 4:10

Discussion Questions

1. Why did God allow Saul to experience blindness?
2. What can seasons of waiting teach us?
3. How does surrender lead to spiritual growth?

Life Application

Trust God in seasons when you cannot clearly see what He is doing.

IV. Ananias and the Power of Obedience

Scripture: Acts 9:10–17

God used Ananias, an ordinary disciple, to help Saul step into his calling.

Key Points

- God often works through faithful believers.
- Obedience may require courage and trust.
- Encouragement and discipleship matter.

Supporting Scriptures

- Matthew 28:19–20
- Hebrews 10:24–25
- Galatians 6:2

Discussion Questions

1. Why was Ananias hesitant?
2. What does this teach us about trusting God?
3. How can we help others grow in faith?

Life Application

Ask God to show you someone you can encourage or disciple this week.

V. A New Mission and Purpose

Scripture: Acts 9:18–22

Saul immediately began preaching Jesus after his conversion.

Key Points

- Salvation leads to transformation.
- God gives every believer a purpose.
- Your testimony can impact others.

Supporting Scriptures

- Romans 10:14–15
- Ephesians 2:10
- Matthew 5:16

Discussion Questions

1. What changed in Saul after meeting Jesus?
2. Why is personal testimony powerful?
3. How can believers boldly share their faith today?

Life Application

Share your testimony or invite someone to church this week.

Key Lessons from Paul's Conversion

- No one is beyond God's grace.
- Jesus transforms lives completely.
- God can use your past for His purpose.
- Obedience opens the door for ministry.
- Every believer is called to share the Gospel.

Memory Verse

“But the Lord said to Ananias, ‘Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel.’”

— Acts 9:15

Closing Prayer

Lord, thank You for the transforming power of Jesus Christ. Just as You changed Saul into Paul, change our hearts and draw us closer to You. Help us walk in obedience, share our faith boldly, and live according

to the purpose You have for our lives. In Jesus' name,
Amen.