Delivered to Deploy (Acts 9:1-31)

Unstoppable: A Study of Acts 9-14 Series Discussion Questions

• Who can summarize Acts 1-8?

- Why is Acts 1:8 important? How does it reveal the structure of the book of Acts?
- How is the book of Acts a continuation of the ministry of Jesus?
 What makes it distinct from the gospel accounts then of Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John?
- What does Acts 6-8 primarily record? Who was Stephen? How is it important in setting up Acts 9 (Hint: read Ac. 8:1-3)?

• Read Acts 9:1-9. Summarize what is happening here.

- What stands out to you about this account?
- Why does Jesus tell Saul that it is him that Saul is persecuting?
- Why is it important that the writer (Luke) shows Jesus connecting himself with Saul's "Lord" in v. 5?

• Read Acts 9:10-19a. Describe this text in your own words

- Why is Ananias hesitant?
- Why is it important that Jesus have someone from the church, a Christian, be there for Saul's healing, baptism, and fellowship?
- What is Saul's commission and how does he begin following that commission in Acts 9:19b-22?
- What does this tell us about Saul? What does this tell us about our commission by Jesus? How are we different than Saul? How are we similar?
- Yancey said, "The day we get saved is the day we get sent. God delivered you to deploy you!" What did he mean by that?
 - What are the kind of excuses new (or even older) Christians can make for not being on mission in the world?
 - For those who think they came from a bad background, how does Saul/Paul's story counteract that excuse? How can Saul's story glorify God and encourage us?
- Read Acts 9:23-31. How does this show us Saul's commitment to mission? How does it end?
 - How does Acts 9 highlight our gospel identity of being missionaries (who go and multiply)?
 - How can this small group encourage each other in this gospel identity?