



Small Group Study Questions

Week 15

Acts 9:1-19 (NASB 1995)

9 Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, 2 and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him; 4 and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" 5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And He said, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting, 6 but get up and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do." 7 The men who traveled with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. 8 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; and leading him by the hand, they brought him into Damascus. 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

10 Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and the Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." 11 And the Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying, 12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight." 13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he did to Your saints at Jerusalem; 14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." 15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; 16 for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake." 17 So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he got up and was baptized; 19 and he took food and was strengthened.

Now for several days he was with the disciples who were at Damascus,

QUICK REVIEW

Summarize one thing that Pastor Brent said in his sermon this past week that stands out to you.

DIGGING DEEPER

What are some of your choices? Favorite Ice cream? Favorite toppings on pizza? Favorite beverage? Favorite store?

Share with each other what you know so far about this character Saul.

Read Acts 9:1-2

Put yourself in Saul's shoes. Why is he doing what he is doing? Do you blame him?

Read Acts 9:3-9

God choose Saul and God has chosen you. If you were telling someone else that they were chosen by God, what would you tell them about their future?

When did God choose you?

Put yourself in Saul's shoes again. What is he feeling after this encounter with Jesus?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Acts 9:10-16

What is Ananias' opinion of Saul? Is Saul Ananias' choice?

What has Saul been chosen for by God?

Read Acts 9:17-19a

How does what happens prove that God is working in this situation and chose Saul?

What has God chosen you for? How can this small group encourage you in what he has chosen you for?

TAKING IT HOME

Which point from this weekend's message or small group study is most important for you to remember?

PRAYER REQUEST

