



# A SERIES OF **ASTONISHING** EVENTS THE BOOK OF ACTS

**Bible study for the week starting October 16, 2022**

## SHARE

1. Talk about your personal journey of faith. Was there a “Damascus Road” moment that you can recall? How is your faith journey different or similar to the Apostle Paul? How did God reveal himself to you? Who or what did He use in your life to communicate His truth? His Word?

## READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **Acts 9:1-9**
  - a. Saul was en route to destroy the church...and yet God chose him. Would Saul have been your choice for apostle? What does this say about God? What does it say about us? Is there anyone that you maybe have “written- off”... when God sees their name “written-in” the Book of Life? Take a moment and pray for that person/ people.
  - b. “For three days he was blind.” Saul definitely went through a dark night of the soul. Has there ever been a point in your life where you were struggling, couldn’t see God’s hand, but were waiting on Him to act? Discuss. How did God speak? Are you in that space waiting for Him to speak now? Was this the worst he would experience? (Read 2 Cor. 11:22-30)
2. Read **Acts 9:10-19a**
  - a. Ananias-was sent to go speak to Saul...but still wasn’t sure. What do you think you would have done in his position. Have you every been asked to do something you were unsure about? How is Ananias response different than Jonah? (Jonah 1:3)
3. **John 15:9-17** – “You did not choose me, but I chose you.” Paul was God’s chosen instrument. Ananias was God’s chosen instrument. So are you! How *has* God used you? How do you hope God would use you? How does it feel to be chosen?

## PRAY

4. Pray: Thank God for His grace in choosing us as His daughters and sons. Ask for wisdom to know where God is sending you—even if that means its going to be uncomfortable. Pray again for those God is choosing to use.



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## Series of Astonishing Events: An Astonishing Choice

Acts 9:1-19a

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NO ONE is too far gone, done too much wrong, been too wrapped up in sin, that the Grace of God cannot TRANSFORM.

1) When life makes you QUESTION ask a good one.

Shift our questions from “WHY?” to “WHO?”

2) If you are in a time of DARKNESS, just remember, God’s NOT DONE.

3) You can choose your FRIENDS, but God chooses your FAMILY.

*For next week, read Acts 9:19b-31*