

Acts: O Church, Arise!
March 22, 2026 – Acts 9:1-19
God's Chosen Instrument

Message for today – God redeems and repurposes lives in ways that surpass our understanding

Saul was an instrument of persecution against the church
He purposed to expand it

Jesus confronted him for it

Jesus blinded him in order to change his tune
He was blinded by the Light

He had a reputation for doing evil

He was to become an instrument of suffering for the Name
He was chosen to spread the light

He was restored and filled for his new purpose

Reflections
Acts 9:1-19

Hear the Word

1. What is this passage telling me about who God is (His character, actions, attributes, Word)?
2. What does it tell me about the original audience, or about the nature of sin?
3. What themes do I see here, and how do any of those connect with what I am currently facing?
4. What is the main purpose of this passage, and does it bring other passages to mind?
5. How does this passage point me to Jesus, and help me to see the gospel more clearly?

Do the Word

1. How do my actions, thoughts, words or emotions need to change in light of this passage?
2. What evidence of God's work in my life do I need to thank and praise Him for?
3. How does my prayer life need to change as a result of this?
4. Do I see any other way that this should impact my worship of God?

Next Week: Acts 9:19b-31