

# NEW LIFE ONE STUDIES



## Series: 'You Are The Church' Week 5 Study Guide

Message:

**“Be The Domino.”**

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### SCRIPTURE

Main Text:	Other Text:
<i>Acts 9:1–20</i>	<i>1 Timothy 1:15, 1 Thessalonians 5:19, Acts 8, Acts 2, Matthew 5:14-16</i>

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### UNDERSTANDING THE STORY

*(This section focuses on understanding what the text means —  
before jumping to what it means for us.)*

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**Read Acts 9:1-9**

**Main Idea:**

God's grace reaches people no one expects.

**Commentary:**

Saul was not searching for Jesus—he was actively persecuting Christians. He approved of Stephen's death and was traveling to arrest believers when Jesus interrupted his life on the road to Damascus.

This moment reminds us of the prevenient grace of God: before Saul surrendered to God, God was already pursuing him. Jesus met Saul in the middle of rebellion, blindness, pride, and violence.

Saul believed he was serving God, but he was spiritually blind. It took a direct encounter with Jesus for everything to change.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Who was Saul before meeting Jesus?
2. Why is Saul's conversion so shocking?
3. What does this story teach us about God's grace?

**Takeaway:**

No one is beyond the reach of God's grace.

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***Read Acts 9:10-16*****Main Idea:**

God often works through ordinary people to reach others.

**Commentary:**

While God was working in Saul's heart, He was also speaking to Ananias. God called Ananias to go pray for the very man who had been terrorizing Christians.

Ananias had every reason to hesitate. Saul was dangerous. But God was already at work on multiple levels—transforming Saul while stretching Ananias' faith and obedience.

Ananias was not famous or powerful. He was simply willing to obey. Yet his obedience became part of one of the greatest transformation stories in history.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Why was Ananias hesitant to obey God?
2. What does God say about Saul in verse 15?
3. How does God use ordinary people in this story?

**Takeaway:**

*The blessings and movement of God often flow through ordinary people willing to obey.*

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**Read Acts 9:17-20**

**Main Idea:**

When the Holy Spirit fills a life, movement for the mission follows.

**Commentary:**

Ananias obeys, lays hands on Saul, and Saul's sight is restored. He is filled with the Holy Spirit, baptized, and immediately begins preaching Jesus.

This reflects a pattern we've seen throughout Acts: when the Holy Spirit fills people, they move outward on mission. Saul's transformed life became a domino that would impact generations.

God didn't just save Saul for Saul's sake. He transformed him so others could encounter Jesus through him.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What changes immediately after Saul encounters Jesus?
2. What role did Ananias play in Saul's transformation?
3. Why do transformed lives naturally impact others?

**Takeaway:**

*A life transformed by Jesus becomes a witness to others.*

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**Read Acts 8:1-4 & Matthew 5:14-16**

**Main Idea:**

God uses faithful people to create a ripple effect of faith.

**Commentary:**

Throughout Acts, we see the gospel spreading from person to person like falling dominos. One act of obedience, one conversation, one invitation, one testimony—God uses all of it.

Someone shared their faith with you. Someone prayed for you. Someone invited you. Behind every salvation story is a chain of faithful people God used along the way.

Jesus calls His followers to be light in the world, not hidden away. We are called to live publicly, love boldly, and point people toward Him.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Who were the “dominos” in your faith story?
2. How can one act of obedience impact many people?
3. Who might God be calling you to reach right now?

**Takeaway:**

*God uses ordinary acts of obedience to impact eternity.*

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# MAKE IT PERSONAL

Saul's story reminds us that no one is too far gone for God.

Ananias' story reminds us that God uses ordinary people to reach others.

## **Reflect:**

1. Who helped point you toward Jesus?
2. Is there someone you've given up on spiritually?
3. Who might God be asking you to pray for, encourage, invite, or speak to?
4. What fears or excuses keep you from stepping out in obedience?

## **Key Truth:**

*God uses willing people to bring His grace and truth to others.*

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# LIVING IT OUT

Let this message move you from reflection to action this week:

## **Pray for one person**

Ask God to place one specific person on your heart who needs Jesus.

## **Be a domino**

Look for opportunities to encourage, invite, serve, or share your faith.

## **Share your story**

Tell someone what God has done in your life—even if your story feels ordinary.

## **Trust God with the outcome**

Your role is obedience. God handles the transformation.

## **Don't ignore the nudge**

If God prompts you to reach out, pray, speak, or act—respond quickly.

## **Invite someone**

Invite a friend, family member, coworker, or neighbor to church or into a spiritual conversation.

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*For LifeGroups:*

## **ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER**

Talk through these together:

1. Who were the “dominos” God used in your faith journey?
  2. Why do you think Ananias hesitated?
  3. Have you ever felt God nudging you to reach out to someone?
  4. What fears keep people from sharing their faith?
  5. Who is one person your group can begin praying for together?
  6. Share honestly and help each other grow in dependence on God.
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## **PRAY TOGETHER**

1. Thank God for pursuing you with His grace
  2. Pray for people far from God
  3. Ask for courage and obedience like Ananias
  4. Pray for opportunities to share your faith
  5. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you trust God with the results
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## **Final Thoughts:**

Every transformed life has a story behind it. Someone prayed. Someone invited. Someone obeyed. Now it's our turn. Be the domino.

