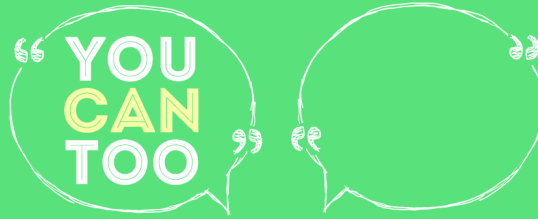


SAUL



ACTS
9:1-31

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Was there anything about today's passage that you found particularly helpful? Is there anything you'd like to discuss further?
2. Read John 6:44; 15:16; and Acts 9:1-2. Reading about Saul, one might think it impossible for him to become a Christian. However, Scripture teaches we are all equally unlikely to believe because no one seeks God without God first working in them. How should this truth shape our thinking about evangelism?
3. Read Acts 26:13-14. Jesus tells Paul to quit "kicking against the goads." What were these "goads" in Paul's life? How has the Lord used similar things in your life to draw you from unbelief towards saving faith?
4. Paul's conversion is strong historical evidence for the resurrection of Jesus. Why is that? How could you use Paul's life to help an unbeliever explore Christianity?
5. Paul gives his testimony repeatedly in the book of Acts. Your testimony is one of the easiest ways to share the Gospel. What is your testimony? Are you confident in sharing it with someone else? What should be shared? What shouldn't? Why?
6. Jesus says Paul's persecution of the Church is persecution of Jesus himself. How should this shape our own view of the local church? What about those who "love Jesus but hate the church." What would Jesus say about that? Why?
7. Put yourself in the shoes of Ananias. What fears might he have had? Do you/we face similar fears today? How so? If so, how should you/we deal with them?
8. What do we learn from this passage about being more effective in evangelism?
9. Considering our discussion, what are one or two things you can start doing today (or this week) so that you practically apply the Word to your everyday life.