

What's something you do regularly
that you don't look forward to?



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UNIFIED IN THE COMMISSION

ACTS 9:1-22

A unified body thrives through the differences of its parts

Who wrote the most books of any author of the Bible?

Paul

How many books did Paul write?

13

Can you name all of the books of the Bible written by Paul?

Romans

1 Corinthians

2 Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

1 Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians

1 Timothy

2 Timothy

Titus

Philemon

What was Paul's name before it was Paul?

Saul

Who was the first martyr in the Bible?

Stephen

Acts 8:3 ESV

But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

Acts 9:1-22 ESV

1 But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him.

Acts 9:1-22 ESV

4 And falling to the ground, he 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 rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” 7 The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. 8 Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9 And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Acts 9:1-22 ESV

10 Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." **11** And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, 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."

Acts 9:1-22 ESV

13 But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done 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 carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. **16** For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”

Acts 9:1-22 ESV

17 So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” **18** And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; **19** and taking food, he was strengthened.

Ananias was afraid to follow God's call to bless Saul.

But he obeyed, and ***many*** were blessed as a result.

Acts 9:1-22 ESV

*For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. **20** And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."
21 And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" **22** But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.*

Matthew 28:18-20 ESV

18 *And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

On Sharing the Gospel

Why do it?

- Jesus commanded us to
- We should share good things that we've received
- There are eternal ramifications
- It's good for your soul

How do we do it?

- Be prepared for your opportunities to share
- Share, don't force
- Be bold when you are uncomfortable

Discussion Questions

- What's something you recommend people buy or try? Give your pitch to the group on why people should buy/try it.
- Have you seen anybody radically change/transform in behavior? What do you think led to those changes?
- If someone told you to go up to a complete stranger and have a conversation about the gospel/Jesus, how would you approach it? What would your strategy be?
- Have you been able to have conversations about faith with friends at school and/or nonbelievers? How did it go?
- What are the hardest parts about sharing the gospel and representing Christ?
- Who is someone whose testimony/words/advice has changed your perspective on and understanding of God/spiritual life?