

## Acts 9 Discussion Guide

### General Discussion Questions:

- What statement or illustration from the message stuck out to you and why?
- What attributes of God were on display in the passage?
- What encouraged you?
- What point of action/application did you walk away with?

### Topics for Discussion:

- The Early Church
- Saul → Paul
- Persecution
- Transformation
- Repentance

**Ice-Breaker:** What is the most radical movie plot twist you can think of, BY inserting a conversion story for a main character?

### Discussion Questions:

? – **Who is the last person you would expect to see come to Christ?**

- Do you have a tendency to limit the saving power of God? – Does this impact your prayers?
- Remember: No one is beyond God's reach!

? – **Other than Saul, What shocking conversion stories can you think of? (McDowell, Strobel, Brian Welch, Christopher Yuan, Etc.)** Some good examples here: <https://myhopewithbillygraham.org/programs/>

? – **In what way can it be said that every testimony is shocking?**

- All have sinned and are undeserving of God's Grace. All are enemies of God pre-conversion.

? **Discuss this statement from Dustin's message: "Saul is tracking down Christians but someone is tracking down Saul!"**

- Did God choose Saul or did Saul choose God? (Hint: YES!)

? **Can you imagine the sorrowful repentance of Saul?** (Acts 22:4,19; 26:11; Galatians 1:13)

- Have you experienced this?
- How can sorrow over our past be used by Satan?
- How can it be used by God?

? **Paul is a model for us in how to deal with past filled with sin and regret.**

- Paul doesn't allow himself to minimize his past.
- Paul doesn't allow his past to paralyze him.
- Discuss the statement "God can do great things through broken people!"

? **Discuss the beauty of Ananias calling Paul "Brother" what attitudes does this demonstrate on the part of Ananias?**

- Is this attitude (not holding on to past wrongs, not judging someone by their past) common in churches today?