

Acts 9:1-22: Unstoppable Church is Full of Unlikely Chosen Instruments

Personal Examination

- 1. Who is someone in your life that you struggle to believe God could save or transform? What makes you doubt God's ability to work in their life?
- 2. Have you ever witnessed a dramatic transformation in someone's life through faith? How did that impact your own beliefs about what God can do?
- 3. In what ways might you be limiting God's power by deciding who is "too far gone" to be reached?

Spiritual Application

- 4. The sermon mentions that "God still has the power to change lives through one-on-one encounters." When was the last time you felt you had a personal encounter with God? How did it affect you?
- 5. Ananias initially questioned God about approaching Saul. When have you questioned or hesitated to follow God's leading because of fear or doubt?

Call to Action

- 7. The sermon states that "God chose you to be his instrument." In what specific ways can you be God's instrument this week to share His love with others?
- 8. Who is your "one" that you need to consistently pray for and demonstrate Christ's love to, even if they seem unreachable?
- 9. What step of faith is God calling you to take that might feel uncomfortable but necessary to be His witness?
- 10. How might your own testimony of transformation (dramatic or not) help someone else believe that God can work in their life too?

Deeper Reflection

- 11. The sermon highlights both "actions and words" as ways God used to grow the early church. How balanced are your own actions and words in representing Christ to others?
- 12. What barriers (like Ananias had) might be preventing you from engaging with someone God has placed in your path?



Small Group Discussion Guide Unstoppable Church is Full of Unlikely Instruments (Acts 9:1-22)

Opening Discussion (10-15 minutes)

- The sermon asked us to think about someone we don't believe God can save. Would anyone be comfortable sharing who came to mind for you? What makes this person seem beyond God's reach?
- 2. Share briefly: Have you ever witnessed someone undergo a dramatic transformation through faith, similar to Saul's experience? What impact did witnessing this have on your own faith?

Digging Deeper (15-20 minutes)

- 3. In Acts 9, Ananias was hesitant to approach Saul because of his reputation. When has fear or doubt caused you to hesitate in following what you felt God was leading you to do?
- 4. The pastor mentioned that "God chose you to be his instrument." How do you understand your role as God's instrument in your everyday contexts—work, family, neighborhood?
- 5. The sermon highlighted that the early church grew through both actions and words. How is our group balancing demonstrating Christ's love through service with verbally sharing about Jesus?

Application (15-20 minutes)

- 6. As a church we encourage identifying "your one"—someone to pray for and demonstrate Christ's love to. Who could be "your one" during this season? How might our group support each other in reaching out to these people?
- 7. What practical step could our group take to reach out to people we might consider "unlikely" to respond to the gospel in our community?

Closing Reflection (5-10 minutes)

- 9. How might sharing our own stories of transformation (whether dramatic or gradual) help others believe that God can work in their lives too?
- 10. What's one specific action you feel challenged to take this week in response to today's discussion?

Leader's Note: Consider closing by having the group pray together for the "ones" that members have identified, asking God for opportunities to be His instruments in those relationships.