

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 12-30-18

Questions adapted from Phyllis J. Le Peau, Acts: Seeing God's Power in Action, A LifeGuide Bible Study, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 2002, pp. 32-34; James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 199-200; Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., Acts: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1987, pp. 95-99.

Getting Started:

1. How would you describe the most intimidating person you know?

Digging Deeper:

2. Read Acts 9:1-9.
 - a. What was Saul doing against the Lord's disciples (Acts 8:1, 3; 9:1-2; 26:10-11)?
 - b. What happened to Saul as he approached Damascus (Acts 9:3-6)?
 - c. Have you ever suddenly realized that your whole way of dealing with God was wrong? If so, how did you feel? What did you do?
 - d. "Paul's traveling companions served as authenticators that what happened to Paul was an objective event, not merely a rumbling of his inner psyche." (Polhill, J. B.

(1992). Acts (Vol. 26, p. 235). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.)

What did they experience (9:7) and why is this authentication significant?

- e. With renewed hope from reading Saul's conversion story, whose salvation do you want to pray for?
3. Read Acts 9:10-19.
 - a. What did the Lord instruct Ananias to do?
 - b. Why was Ananias reluctant to do as the Lord asked (9:13-14)? Why do we sometimes resist what God asks of us?
 - c. How would you have felt in Ananias' place (9:10-16)? Would you have been comfortable calling Saul "Brother Saul" (9:17)? What does this show us about Ananias?
 4. Read Acts 9:19-31.
 - a. To what service had Saul been called (9:15-16)? In what ways does he enter into this ministry?