

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Acts 9:1-19

From Adversary to Apostle

Background

1. **Read Acts 7:54 – 8:1.** What role did Saul (Paul) have in the death of Stephen?
2. **Read Acts 22:3-5.** What do these verses tell us about Paul's religious background and zeal?

Digging In

3. **Read Acts 9:1-2.** Why was Saul going to Damascus?
4. **Read Acts 9:3-9.** Write a paraphrase of what happened to him on the way to Damascus?
5. What additional information does Paul give when, years later, he appears before King Agrippa? (**Acts 26:9-18**)
6. **Read Acts 9:10-19.** What unique mission was given to Ananias?
7. Was Ananias eager to obey? Explain.
8. What does God reveal to Ananias about his plan for Saul?
9. Describe Ananias' meeting with Saul?
10. What can we learn from the way Ananias greeted Saul?



Getting Personal

- **Read 1 Tim 1:15-17.** How did Paul view his own conversion?
- How do you think this affected his attitude toward non-Christians?
- What is our attitude toward those who don't yet know Christ – judgmental and self-righteous, or forgiving and accepting?
- Have you ever thought of yourself as the *worst of sinners* – as did Paul? To put it differently, do you think of yourself as needing less grace than others? Explain.
- How does our view of our own conversion – and our own standing before God – relate to our attitude toward those who don't yet know Christ?