

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

An Unlikely Convert

Acts 9:1-31

Getting Started

When did you first realize your need for a Savior?

Digging In

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?
3. **Read Acts 9:1-2.** Why was Saul going to Damascus?
4. **Read Acts 9:3-9.** 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 26:1-23)
6. **Read Acts 9:10-19.** What unique mission was given to Ananias?
7. Was Ananias eager to obey? Explain.
8. What happened when Ananias met Saul?
9. **Read Acts 9:20-31.** What did Saul do in Damascus? What was the response?
10. What did he do in Jerusalem? What was the response?



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 your attitude toward those who don't yet know Christ – towards those who don't share your Christian worldview? Judgmental? Condemning? Superior? Self-righteous?
- Have you ever thought of yourself as the *worst of sinners* – as did Paul? To put it differently, how much grace do you need?
- 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?