

The Amazing Acts of the Holy Spirit Continue Small Group Study
January 16, 2022: Acts 9:20-31
A New Community and Message for Saul

What do you think would be the worst of the five senses to lose? Why?

Who do you know who had a dramatic conversion experience?

Last week, we read the beginning of Acts 9, which describes how the risen Jesus confronted Saul on the road to Damascus and changed the course of his life. What happened to Saul after Ananias prayed for him (vv. 17-19)?

Read Acts 9:20-31. What would others have expected Saul to say when he came to the synagogue? When he proceeded to preach about Christ, how did they react (v. 23)? Why?

How did Saul escape from Damascus? When have some friends helped you out of a bad situation?

Why would the Jerusalem disciples still fear Saul? What risk was Barnabas taking in bringing him to the apostles? What would you have thought if you were part of the church in Jerusalem when Saul wanted to join it? If you met the kind of suspicion Saul did, how would you feel?

Some of the Jewish leaders in Damascus and Jerusalem wanted to kill Saul. What does that say about him?

What does “living in the fear of the Lord” (v. 31) mean to you?

What do you think would be the most intriguing scene of a movie about this story? How is the story of Saul related to Acts 1:8?

Who has been a Barnabas to you—encouraging you or helping you feel accepted? (The name Barnabas means “son of encouragement.”) How did that person encourage you? To whom have you been a Barnabas?