

Acts: Did God Really Ask Me To Do That?

Acts 9.1-19

Are You Willing? (to be used by God)

When God calls, our response should be, "Here am I."

- Abraham. Jacob. Moses. Samuel. David. Isaiah.
- Our natural response to the call of the Lord should be willingness. [NOT- Let me see]
- [What would it look like if the characters of the New Testament looked like modern day Christians?]

We need to think about who we are listening to

- "I have heard..." [Gossip. Rumors.]
- "What you hear from God should always trump what your heard from man"
- Information is important, but it doesn't always paint the entire picture.

Do You Trust God?

Trust requires belief

- Belief is not blind faith, but rooted in both God's History (What God has done) and Character (Who God is)
- The more you know someone, the easier it is to trust them.

Trust requires action

- He departed, entered the house, laid hands on Saul, and Prayed
- Our actions show (to everyone) that we are faithful. [The length you are willing to go has a direct correlation to your trust in the one sending you.]
- We do not know the implications to our actions... Saul became Paul and changed the world

Discussion Questions:

What is something that you did that caused you to step out of your comfort zone?

- What happened to give you the confidence to take that step?
- What was the result? Did it allow you to take other similar steps?

Ananias was crippled by what he had heard about Saul, to the point where he was arguing with God. How have you seen gossip shape someone's view of another person?

- How have you seen it cause someone to struggle to say, "yes" to what God wants them to do?

Trust requires both belief and action. Which one do you struggle with more?

- What are ways that you can challenge yourself to strengthen this area?

Who is someone that you would really struggle to share the Gospel with? Why?

- How would the possibility that you could be sharing the Gospel with Saul (who becomes Paul) change your urgency?