



What stood out to you most from the sermon? Why?

Key Takeaways:

1. Saul's Confrontation (Acts 9:1-9) God's grace initiates our salvation, not our seeking.
2. Saul's Conversion (Acts 9:10-19) God used an ordinary believer (Ananias) in extraordinary obedience. True conversion leads to immediate life change.
3. Saul's Confession (Acts 9:20-22) The scandal: the least likely person was chosen and transformed

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think Jesus asked Saul, "Why are you persecuting ME?" instead of "Why are you persecuting my followers?" What does this teach us about the relationship between Jesus and His church?
2. What was risky about God's instructions to Ananias? How did Ananias respond, and what can we learn from his example?
3. Where is God asking you to obey? Take a moment to reflect silently, then share if comfortable. What is God calling you to do that makes you uncomfortable or afraid?
4. Some of us have dramatic conversion experiences like Paul, while others are raised in godly homes. Share your own faith journey. How did you come to know Jesus?
5. "What scales need to fall from your eyes?" What areas of spiritual blindness might God be revealing in your life right now? Legalism (trusting in good works)? Prejudice against certain people? Materialism or other distractions? Self-righteousness?
6. The gospel, when it was on its way to you, it was on its way to someone else. Who has God placed in your life that needs to hear about Jesus? What's holding you back from sharing with them?

7. Who is your Saul? Who is someone you think is too far gone for God to save? How does Saul's story challenge that belief?

8. Saul's changed LIFE proved Jesus was the Messiah, not just his words. If someone observed your life this past week without hearing you speak, would they know you follow Jesus? Why or why not?

9. Saul was baptized immediately after regaining his sight—before even eating. If you've been baptized, what did that mean to you? If you haven't been baptized but have accepted Christ, what's holding you back?

Practical Applications:

1. Identify Your "Saul": Write down the name of one person you think is "too far gone" and commit to praying for their salvation daily this week.
2. Obedience Over Comfort: Identify one specific area where God is calling you to obey despite fear. Share it with one person in the group for accountability.
3. Examine Your Trust: List the "good things" you might be trusting in instead of Jesus (career, family, reputation, good works). Confess these and surrender them to Christ.
4. Public Confession: If your faith has been a "private secret," take one step this week to make it public (share your testimony with a friend, post something meaningful about your faith, have a spiritual conversation with a coworker).
5. Pray for Bold Obedience: Commit to praying for each other's specific areas of obedience throughout the week. Pair up with another in your group and check in mid-week about how you're doing with your commitment.