

SENIOR BIBLE FELLOWSHIP ASSIGNMENT: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

BACKGROUND:

- > Stephen, one of the 7 and being full of grace and power was a disciple of Jesus and was martyred for preaching about Jesus.
- > In the wake of Stephen's death, the persecution against the Christians grew and the disciples (except the apostles) scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria.
- > Saul approved of Stephen's execution and was raving the church...entering house after house...dragging off men and women and committed them to prison.

ACTS 9:1 – 19 THE CONVERSION OF SAUL

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹ and taking food, he was strengthened.

ASSIGNMENT:

For our next meeting, please read Acts 9:1 - 19 and come prepared to discuss the questions.

QUESTIONS:

Acts 9:1 – 19 is the account of Saul's encounter with Jesus as he approached Damascus. Luke includes two other accounts of this encounter where Saul himself gives a personal account. Saul's testimony is in Acts 22:6 – 21 and in Acts 26:12 – 18. Luke finds this encounter so significant that he includes it three times...in addition a more complete picture of the encounter is seen.

1. I thought it would be a fun exercise to write a limerick poem on what stood out to you on Saul's encounter with Jesus.

Limerick Rules:

- A limerick has 5 lines.
- A limerick has an AABBA rhyme scheme. In other words, the 1st, 2nd, and 5th lines rhyme and the 3rd and 4th lines rhyme.
- The limerick should tell a short story.
- Have fun with it.

Here's an example of a limerick:

I need a front door for my hall,
The replacement I bought was too tall.
So I hacked it and chopped it,
And carefully lopped it,
And now the dumb thing is too small.

Please come prepared to share your limerick with the group.

2. Luke felt Saul's testimony was so important that he included it 3 times in Acts. Testimonies are wonderful ways to share how God changed your life. Please come prepared to share your testimony on when Jesus became "real" to you and how your life in Christ changed.