



**GOSPEL CONVERSION**

“But the Lord said ... ‘He is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and children of Israel.

For I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.’ ”

Acts 9:15-16

**Read Acts 9: 1-9**

1. Why is Saul going to Damascus?

2. What happens to Saul on the way?

3. How has God intervened to transform you by redirecting or halting your plans and path recently?

**Read Acts 9: 1-9**

4. What do find significant about Jesus’ conversation with Saul in v. 4-5 and why?

5. What does persecution look like today?

6. How do Jesus’ words about persecution comfort and challenge you?

**Read Acts 9: 1-9**

7. How does Saul spend his 3 days in Damascus?



8. Knowing that Saul is an educated Pharisee, what do you think needs to be undone in his thinking about the Messiah?
  
9. What educated or religious preconceptions about Jesus and constructions about God prevalent in our culture need to be undone?
  
10. a. How has God confronted and undone your self and false constructions of Who He is?  
b. Why is this undoing an important part of Paul's Testimony and yours?

**Read Acts 9: 10-17, 18 -31**

11. How does Ananias respond to the Lord's command? What do you think convinces Ananias to go to Saul?
  
12. What evidence of Saul's conversion do you observe? How does he change?
  
13. Saul is sent to Tarsus where he waits years before returning to Jerusalem.
  - a. When has God called you into His work in a powerful way and then made you wait?
  - b. What purpose may God have for Saul and you in the waiting?

**Reflect & Respond**

The word conversion has a negative connotation to most people.

While Saul's conversion is more dramatic compared to most of our stories, he becomes a convert to Christianity.

- Why must a person be converted to be a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ?
- Who does the converting?
- What are the marks of true conversion to Christianity for everyone?