



**October 22, 2026**

**BOOK: 1 Thessalonians 1-2**

**Context: Acts 9, 11:19-25, 12:25, 13:1-3, and verses 13-52, 14, 15, 16, 17:1-19**

**Opening Questions:**

- a. Name a change people noticed in you once you became a believer.?
- b. Have you ever reversed your position or stance on a belief you previously held?
- c. How did you handle opposition?
- d. Discuss a scenario where you felt like you had to prove that you are believer.
- e. Name a great speech in history.

**Acts: Chapter 9:1-31, 11:19-25**

1. What was Saul's purpose for going to Damascus? (Acts 5:34-39).
2. Do you have an understanding of how the disciples and followers of "the Way" were treated after Jesus left the earthly realm?
3. How would you characterize the Lord's mission for Saul? Is there any irony here?
4. If you were Ananias, what are your thoughts about hearing, 1) Saul would be preaching to Gentiles and 2) that he would suffer for it.
5. What role did the Holy Spirit play in Saul's conversion?
6. Describe Saul's first order of business after being commissioned. How do you think he prepared for the task?
7. Discuss the possible expectations the Jews might have had when Saul came to the synagogue to speak.

8. Was it a lack of faith that caused the disciples to fear Saul (verse 26?)

9. Is there a group of people you would still be afraid of or skeptical of a conversion?
10. Where does Paul depart to at the end of the passage?
11. In Acts Chapter 11, why do you think Barnabas sent for Saul? Weren't there other disciples available?
12. in what ways do you think Paul has grown as a minister at this point in time?
13. How does the Antioch church reflect God's mission for Paul?

**Chapter 13:1-3, 13-52, 14**

14. What do you notice about Paul's speech? Are the aspects of it that are audience specific?
15. If you were a Jew at this time, what would be encouraging to you from the speech? What might make you continue to have doubts?
16. Why do you think they (Paul, Barnabas) were invited back to speak more? Was there anything left to tell?
17. Are we to adopt a "one and done" attitude about spreading the gospel as in verse 46? When is that type of stance appropriate?
18. If you were sharing the Gospel to different groups of people, what would be your approach? Is there anything you would imitate from Paul and Barnabas?