Life Group Discussion Questions

Message Title: From Persecutor to Proclaimer
Scripture: Acts 9:20–31

1. A Radical Transformation (vv. 20–22)

Saul immediately began proclaiming Jesus as the Son of God. What does his dramatic transformation teach us about the power of the Gospel to change a person's life? What evidence should others see when someone genuinely comes to Christ?

2. A Bold Witness (vv. 20–22)

Saul did not hesitate to proclaim Jesus, even though he knew it would create opposition. Name 2 things keeps Christians today from boldly sharing their faith? How can we overcome those fears?

3. A Costly Commitment (vv. 23–25)

The man who once persecuted Christians now found himself being persecuted for following Christ. What does this teach us about the cost of discipleship? Are there areas where following Jesus might require us to sacrifice our comfort, reputation, or relationships?

4. A Difficult Reputation (v. 26)

The believers in Jerusalem were afraid of Saul because of his past. Why do Christians sometimes struggle to believe that God has genuinely changed someone? How can we demonstrate both grace and discernment toward people with difficult pasts?

5. The Importance of an Encourager (v. 27)

Barnabas believed in Saul and helped him gain acceptance among the apostles. How important is it for a new believer to have someone who encourages, supports, and stands alongside them? Who could you be a Barnabas to right now?

6. Courage in the Face of Opposition (vv. 28–30)

Even after threats against his life, Saul continued speaking boldly in the name of Jesus. How should we respond when our Christian convictions are challenged or rejected? What is the difference between being bold for Christ and simply being argumentative?

7. The Marks of a Healthy Church (v. 31)

Luke describes the church as experiencing peace, spiritual growth, reverence for God, encouragement from the Holy Spirit, and numerical growth. Which of these characteristics do you believe is most needed in the church today? What can we personally do to help strengthen these qualities in our own church?

Closing Challenge

Saul's conversion changed more than what he believed—it changed how he lived, what he proclaimed, and what he was willing to suffer for.

Final thought for the group: If someone examined your life over the past year, what evidence would they see that Jesus Christ is continuing to transform you?

Key Truth: A genuine encounter with Jesus Christ produces a transformed life, a courageous witness, and a willingness to follow Him regardless of the cost.