

Wednesday

Read Acts 9:10-14 *God calls Ananias*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What does it say about Ananias that he dared to argue with God? What does it say about God?*
2. *Why do you think God told Ananias to lay hands on Saul?*

Prayer Focus Sustainer, we thank you for the gifts of faith in you. We give thanks that you are the God who wants a real relationship with us, who will listen and stay in conversation with us, even when we doubt.

Thursday

Read Acts 9:15-16 *God's plan for Saul*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Ananias was already a dedicated believer. Why wasn't he a better choice than Saul to proclaim God's name?*
2. *Have there been times in your life when you couldn't believe what God wanted of you? How did you respond?*

Prayer Focus Sometimes our ambitions make us stumble, Teacher. We ask you to help us set aside our pride in order to hear you clearly. Let us be the instruments of your work. Let doing what you ask be enough for us.

Friday

Read Acts 9:17-20 *Saul proclaims Jesus*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Saul and Ananias both heard God's voice. How does God's voice come to you?*
2. *Who in your life, your world, needs you to hear them today?*

Prayer Focus We realize we have to turn our eyes and hearts to others and learn to listen first, before we take action. We ask for the patience, forethought, and willingness understand what we hear and how to respond in love. Let us proclaim you by how we listen.

Story of Two Men

Pastor's Message: Acts 9:1-20 We think we know, but sometimes we don't. Humility to listen is a pathway to growth.

Message Notes:

Small Group Format



Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *Briefly describe a time when you were sure you were right but were eventually proven wrong.*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **Acts 9:1-20**

- Discuss observations about the text
 - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
 - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)

STORY OF TWO MEN

May 1, 2022

Monday

Read Acts 9:1-2 *Saul persecutes the disciples*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why did Saul want to attack Jesus' followers?*
2. *Why were the authorities afraid of people preaching in the name of Jesus?*

Prayer Focus Creator, we see that threats and punishment won't stop people from believing in you. Speak to us again. Make our hearts ready to hear your truth today.

Tuesday

Read Acts 9:3-9 *On the road to Damascus*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Have you ever wished God would speak to you as vividly as God did to Saul? How would that look in your life?*
2. *Saul calls the voice "Lord." Why?*

Prayer Focus Redeemer, we often can't explain why we sometimes choose to reject you and even work against you. Whatever our reasons, we ask that you make us pause, make us listen. Lead us away from our darkness and into your light.