

Acts of the Apostles  
Week 3: Saul's Conversion (chapters 8,9)

Acts 8:1-4

When God's Spirit moves, things will never be \_\_\_\_\_.

This passage starts a major transformation of two things:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ would never be the same.

Acts 8:4 (NLT) But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ would never be the same.

Acts 9:1-19

Acts 9:17-18 (NLT) So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Instantly something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized.

The next step in Ananias' spiritual journey was \_\_\_\_\_.

Acts 9:13-15a (NLT) "But Lord," exclaimed Ananias, "I've heard many people talk about the terrible things this man has done to the believers in Jerusalem! And he is authorized by the leading priests to arrest everyone who calls upon your name." But the Lord said, "Go".

By the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, God can use \_\_\_\_\_ to accomplish His will.

Acts 9:15b-16 (NLT) Saul is my chosen instrument to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel. And I will show him how much he must suffer for my name's sake."

Life Along the Journey

Acts 9:19-31

God \_\_\_\_\_ us to accomplish His will, even for roles we don't expect.

Acts 9:22 (NLT) Saul's preaching became more and more powerful, and the Jews in Damascus couldn't refute his proofs that Jesus was indeed the Messiah.

We need other people to \_\_\_\_\_ along the way.

Acts 9:27 (NLT) Then Barnabas brought him to the apostles and told them how Saul had seen the Lord on the way to Damascus and how the Lord had spoken to Saul. He also told them that Saul had preached boldly in the name of Jesus in Damascus.

Final Thought: When the Holy Spirit is at work, nothing stays the same. With every heart change comes a \_\_\_\_\_ that requires faith and obedience; will you take the next \_\_\_\_\_ in your journey?

### Acts week 3 Discussion Questions

Look over the events recorded in Acts chapter 3 to chapter 7. Even though we have skipped over them, it in no way diminishes these stories or the lessons they hold. Which of these passages is familiar to you? What lessons from them can you share with your group?

Describe a time that the Holy Spirit has worked and changed something. There are times that God moves and initial change happens, but over time people fade back into their old ways. Why do you think that happens? Explain.

“God loves you just the way you are, and He loves you enough to not leave you the same.” What is your reaction to this statement? Explain. Which of the two points from the Life Along the Journey section have you experienced the most; doing things you didn’t expect or getting help from others? What was the role of the Holy Spirit in these experiences? Explain.

What is the real difference between faith and obedience? Can you have one without the other? Why or why not? Read James 2:14-26. What stands out to you about this passage? What is required at this current stage of your journey to take the next step; faith or obedience?