

THE BOOK OF *Acts*

|| Group Discussion Guide ||

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SAUL'S MINISTRY DEBUT

Acts 9:19b-25

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Why might Saul have begun his new life by proclaiming Jesus in the synagogues? How does this echo the early ministries of Jesus (Luke 4:16-30) and also the apostles (Acts 3)?

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Are there strategic places in your life where you could speak of Jesus? How can you identify these places?

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How does Saul's reputation impact how he is received (v.21)? Can this reputation have both positive and negative consequences?

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Have you seen someone with a shocking past come to faith? How was the person assimilated into the church?

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What does it mean that Saul increased in strength? Is this physical strength (after being blind and not eating or drinking), spiritual strength, or something else? What would that look like?

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When God gives us strength, what does he intend for us to use it for? How do we see this demonstrated in Saul's life?

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In what ways does the threat to Saul (v. 23-25) resemble similar threats to Jesus in the gospels?

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By the end of this passage, Saul has disciples who are willing to help him escape. Do you have "lower you in a basket" friends? Though we face less dire circumstances, how can we cultivate strong, supportive relationships in the church?

