

THE BOOK OF *Acts*

|| Group Discussion Guide ||

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THE CONVERSION OF SAUL

Acts 9:1-9

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While we see great “joy” (Acts 8: 8, 39) and growth through most of Philip’s Samaritan ministry, this passage shows us what has been happening elsewhere in the meantime. How does Acts 9:1-2 connect us back to Acts 8:3?

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Many Christians around the world today face threats of persecution. How should the American church think about persecution?

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Jesus says that in persecuting the church, Saul is persecuting him (Acts 9:4, 5). What does this say about the relationship between Jesus and his people?

4

What application should we see for how we treat and interact with the church? If the church is both the body of Christ and the bride of Christ, how should church members see each other?

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Why might the Lord have chosen to strike Saul with blindness (Acts 9:8)? While it is literal blindness, is it also symbolic? Is it a punishment? Or does it play some other role in his conversion experience?

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The dramatic “Damascus Road-type conversion” is not everyone’s story. But, is there a sense in which every believer is arrested and called out by Jesus? What do even the tamest testimonies have in common with Saul’s conversion?

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How does the picture of Saul having to be led by the hand (Acts 9:8b) contrast with the earlier image of him “breathing threats and murder” (Acts 9:1)?

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Have you seen someone’s life “do a 180”? Were there circumstances that brought about that reversal? How has the Lord used that person’s transformation for his glory?

