



Thinking & talking through the biblical text during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps. Here are some questions to get you started.

Reflection Questions

What questions and comments do you have about the sermon and supporting texts?

Read **Acts 9:1-25**

The gospel message began to spread from Jerusalem to Judea and Samaria to the ends of the earth.

- Assuming we, personally and as a group, know our “Jerusalem” or those closest to us in need of Christ, who might our “Judea and Samaria” be? How might we engage them with the gospel?
- God’s choice of Saul to be His messenger of the gospel to the Gentiles should give us great hope that, for one, the arm of the Lord is not too short to save (**Is 59:1**) & even more, that God’s power is made perfect in weakness (**2 Cor 12:9**).
- What sins or shortcomings have we used as an excuse not to be a messenger of the gospel?
- What do these verses tell us about Saul and his relationship with the early believers? What symbols of power does Saul have as he travels to Damascus?
- What happened to Saul on his journey? Try to visualize the scene, and put yourself in the place of the eyewitnesses mentioned in **v7**. What do you see and hear? What are you feeling? How do you think Saul felt?
- What does the Lord tell Ananias to do? How does Ananias respond? What would you do, if Jesus came to you in a vision telling you to go to the person who considered least likely to become a Christian?
- How does Jesus respond to Ananias’s fear and objections? What happens as Ananias is obedient to Jesus’ call? How does Saul respond?
- **v21–22** what words are used to describe people’s response to the message (Jesus is the Son of God, the Christ) and the messenger (Saul)? How is Saul’s life transformed?

Thinking a little deeper

- As we read Acts there is an excitement about sharing the Good News. Why do you think that is? Why do you think we seem to lack some of that passion?