

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 4:32

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

ACTS 9-1**"SAUL'S CONVERSION"
READ Acts 9:1-43****DAY 1 READ Acts 9:1-43**

1. What did you learn about witnessing to different people in last week's lesson?
2. In today's reading, who was . . .
 - a. confronted by Christ?
 - b. challenged to obedience?
 - c. charitable to another?
 - d. commanded to arise?

DAY 2 REVIEW Acts 9:1-9

3. In his religious zeal, what did Saul want from the high priest and why?
- 4.a. What question did Jesus ask?
 - b. In what way was Saul's persecution of the believers persecuting Christ according to 1 Corinthians 12:27?
- 5.a. In Acts 9:8, what was the immediate evidence of Saul's encounter with Christ on the Damascus road?
 - b. Instead of entering town as a blinding wind of persecution, how did Saul enter Damascus?
 - c. Dramatic or not, a personal encounter with Christ is the beginning of change for new Christians. What were some of the first changes Jesus made in your life as He became your Lord and Savior? Please share.

DAY 3 REVIEW Acts 9:10-19

- 6.a. During his blindness, Saul was _____. If you were in his circumstances, what would your prayers include?
 - b. How was Saul being prepared by God?

ACTS 9-2

DAY 3 (Continued) REVIEW Acts 9:10-19

7. After reading verses 10-16, list some characteristics you think would describe Ananias.
8. God told Ananias what about Saul's mission?
- 9.a. When Ananias placed his hands on Saul, he addressed him as _____ and said Jesus had sent him for what two reasons?
- b. What happened next?
- c. Saul experienced physical blindness that resulted in his spiritual blindness being removed. What does 2 Corinthians 4:4-6 say about spiritual blindness?

DAY 4 REVIEW Acts 9:19b-31

- 10.a. What did Saul begin to do at once?
- b. Briefly describe the reaction of the Jews in Damascus to Saul.
- c. How did Saul escape?
- d. According to Galatians 1:13-17, where did Saul go following his conversion?
- e. Saul had seen Stephen willing to die for his faith. Now he was fleeing from his own persecutors. How do you think he felt?
- 11.a. Saul's past hindered his witness. Share an example of how a "past" has hindered someone's witness or conversely been a positive testimony. (Give both a Bible example and a contemporary example if possible.)
- b. What should we remember about the vulnerability of a personal testimony expressed from Ephesians 4:32?
- 12.a. From Acts 9:26, what kind of reception did Saul get in Jerusalem?
- b. Why do you think Barnabas believed in Saul?

ACTS 9-3

DAY 4 (Continued) REVIEW Acts 9:19b-31

- 13.a. Why did the believers send Saul to Tarsus?
- b. List several phrases describing what happened to the church following Saul's departure.

DAY 5 REVIEW Acts 9:32-43

- 14.a. What miracle did Peter perform at Lydda?
- b. What was the result?
- c. What can we appreciate about God from these Scriptures:
Psalm 116:5

Psalm 126:3
- 15.a. What brought Peter to Joppa?
- b. How was Tabitha described?
- c. What was Peter shown in verse 39?
- d. Review what Peter had witnessed Jesus do in Luke 8:49-56. How were both similar?
- e. According to John 20:31, miracles should accomplish what?
16. Both Ananias and Barnabas helped the newly converted Saul. What are some ways you can help new believers around you grow in their new life?

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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LECTURE NOTES:

HISTORY NOTES:

Savonarola 1452-1498

Erasmus 1469-1536