



STUDY GUIDE

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[set up]

What is one of the greatest transformations you have seen in someone's life because of Jesus?

[digging deeper]

Read the Conversion of Saul in Acts 9 (Option - You can also quickly and quietly read as Paul recounts this story in Acts 22 and Acts 26 for additional detail and depth.)

If you were to summarize Saul's life prior to his encounter with Christ, what word comes to mind?

What stands out to you about his encounter with Jesus and how Christ brought him to a place of conversion? How can you relate to Saul in your conversion experience? Look up these verses to get even greater insights on Paul's conversion in his own words: 1 Cor. 15:8-9; 1 Cor. 9:1-2; Phil. 3:4-9.

During Paul's three days of fasting and blindness, what do you think he thought about?

What observations do you make about Saul's new life in Christ? What applications can we draw for our own lives from how quickly Paul engaged in sharing Jesus?

How and why did God use Ananias and the disciples in Damascus in Paul's conversion? What action steps can we draw from these insights?

[living it out]

We see Paul's conversion story in Acts 9, 22, and 26. God uses people to tell their story of new life in Christ. Telling your story of new life in Christ brags on Jesus. It points unbelievers to Jesus and showcases Christ's transforming power, gives a template of how to respond to the Gospel, and encourages fellow believers. It also gets you more familiar and comfortable with sharing your story!

Do you know how to tell your story? When is the last time you shared your story of coming to Christ? Can you walk away from this time with a commitment to refresh your conversion story and tell it to someone this week? Telling your story of new life in Christ is basically putting together a small narrative answering these three questions:

1. What were you like before you knew Jesus (How did you think, act, and believe? What was your view of God, Jesus, and the Bible)?
2. What was your conversion experience like (Where were you? What events did God use? What people did God use - like Ananias)?
3. How have you experienced new life in Christ (What is new and transformed about you? How have your thoughts, beliefs, attitudes, and actions changed? What has Jesus added to your life or taken away)?

Also, who is a person that you have consciously or subconsciously given up on coming to Christ?

Name _____

Thinking of Paul, and how God can take anyone and bring them to Himself, would you be willing to renew your prayer for this person? Start today and commit to lift them up in prayer for the next 40 days in a row and then, after that, pray for them as the Lord leads you. Partner up with someone in your LifeGroup and share about this person and close in prayer lifting them up in prayer as well as praying for your partner as they refresh their story and commit to tell someone this week. Feel free to check in with each other next week on how it went telling your story.