

Study Guide Sunday 25th July 2021 Acts 9

Please read Acts 9.1-23

- 1. How does Saul's encounter with God encourage and inspire you?
- 2. Why is Saul persecuting the church, and what does this demonstrate about his faith?
- 3. Why is sincerity of faith not enough in itself? What is needed?
- 4. Why does Saul's Damascus Road experience change his understanding of God? And his understanding of himself? Why would this be both devastating and lifetransforming?
- 5. All believers have unique stories of how they encountered Jesus and began following him in faith. What's your story?
- 6. What might Saul have been thinking about during his 3 days of blind-darkness as he fasted and prayed?
- 7. Why do you think Ananias' role is so significant in Saul's story? How does it encourage and inspire you?
- 8. Saul's first act of faith in Jesus is to be baptized. He then starts to publicly declare that Jesus is the Messiah and tries to convince others of his newly discovered truth. As he does this, he is rejected and threatened by his own people. Please spend time praying for all those who's faith in Jesus places them in danger of rejection or persecution from their own people.