



Leader's Guide

Week of May 28

Leader Check-In

Hey leaders!

If you haven't already RSVP'd to the Life Group Leader appreciation lunch on June 4, please do so now! Check your inbox for the invitation that was sent out this week, or just e-mail me (ctate@sgc.org). I look forward to seeing you all there! In the meantime – keep it up and know that the same God who transformed Saul wants to transform those who are in your Life Group or may come to your Life Group!

The Big Idea

God radically transformed Saul from fierce adversary to an advocate by encountering him.

Getting Started

1. Do you generally look at humanity with hope or hopelessly?
 2. What's the most difficult thing you've felt called to do?
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Digging In

1. Read **Acts 9:1-19**. Why does God do what he does in this passage? What are his own words for his purpose?
2. Imagine being in Ananias' shoes (sandals). What would go through your mind?
3. Read **Acts 9:20-25**. What is Paul's near-immediate response to his conversion? What obstacles did he face?
***Leader's Note:** Beyond the obvious obstacles of people now trying to kill him. It's good to note that he had to prove his credibility, both to the people in general and, also (as we'll see soon), to the

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disciples of Jesus!

4. Read **Acts 9:26-31**. What (or who) did Paul need to get “in” with the disciples?

***Leader’s Note:** Firstly, Paul needed to display that he was truly changed by boldly going and preaching Christ to others. But also, Paul needed Barnabas and others likely who could vouch for him.

Looking Around

1. What change(s) have you seen in yourself or others close to you as a result from an encounter with Jesus?
2. When you’ve faced difficulty, what has been the key to keeping you going in your walk with God?
3. How can you provide others with more encouragement in their walk with God?

Pray

Pray that the Spirit would give you the tenacity to represent Christ as Saul had.