

Week 6: Transformation and Obedience (Acts Study)

First read all of acts 9

Focus

Scripture: Acts 9:21–22 (ESV)

“And all who heard him were amazed and said, ‘Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? ... But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.’”

1. The Power of a Changed Life

“The same name that once brought fear now brings faith.”

Don’t be ashamed of where you’ve been but be amazed at what God can do with it.

Discussion:

- How does Saul’s transformation show the power of God’s grace?
- Have you ever seen someone’s life change so radically that it amazed you?
- What’s one area of your life where God has made a visible difference?

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:17

How does this verse describe the transformation that happens when someone encounters Jesus?

Application:

A changed life is the loudest sermon you can preach.

What sermon is your life preaching right now?

2. Redirected, Not Rejected

“Maybe you’re like Saul running hard, but in the wrong direction.”

Jesus doesn’t stop you to punish you, He stops you to redirect you.

Discussion:

- What does it look like when God redirects your plans or priorities?
- Have you ever resisted God’s redirection because it didn’t make sense at the time?

- How has obedience led to unexpected blessing in your life?

Read: Proverbs 3:5–6

What does this passage teach us about trusting God's direction?

Application:

Where might God be trying to redirect you right now?

Pray for the courage to stop, listen, and follow.

3. Stepping Out in Obedience

"Maybe you're like Ananias afraid to obey because you don't see the whole picture."
God's already gone before you.

Discussion:

- What keeps us from stepping out when God calls us to something new?
- When have you seen God's faithfulness on the other side of obedience?
- How can we encourage one another to take those faith steps?

Read: Joshua 1:9

How does this verse encourage you when you feel afraid to obey?

Application:

Identify one step of obedience God may be calling you to take this week.

How can your group pray for you as you take that step?

4. Tell Somebody

"Maybe you're like Paul and God's done something in you, and it's time to open your mouth and tell somebody."

Discussion:

- Why do you think it's sometimes difficult to share what God has done in your life?
- What's one way you could share your story of transformation this week?
- How might your testimony encourage or strengthen someone else's faith?

Read: Acts 1:8

How does this verse connect to Paul's boldness in proclaiming Jesus?

Application:

Ask God for one opportunity this week to share your story of transformation.
Pray for boldness and sensitivity to the Spirit as you speak.