

# BETHEL SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Acts 9:1-31 – 01/21/24

## STOP AND PRAY

*Holy Spirit, open my heart and my mind to Your truth today! Then help me to be a Doer of the Word and not a Hearer only!*

- 1) Why do we tend to think some people are too hard or too far gone for God to reach?

Read Acts 9:1-9

- 2) Why was Saul on the way to Damascus?

- 3) What is unique about Saul's Damascus Road encounter with Jesus? What does it share with other stories of people encountering Jesus?

- 4) Read 1 Timothy 1:15-16. Why did God choose to save Saul only after he had persecuted the Church for so long?

Read Acts 9:10-22

- 5) How did Ananias react to God's message about Saul (vv. 13-14)? Can you understand that reaction?

6) Read verse 16-17 again. What did this message mean for Saul?

Read Acts 9:23-31

7) What happened to Saul in both Damascus and Jerusalem? Why do you think Saul was targeted specifically?

8) Has there ever been a time where you were skeptical of someone's life change? How did it play out?

9) What does it mean that the Church enjoyed a period of peace (v31)?

10) Think of someone in your life that we often don't think of when we think of who God wants to reach. How does Saul's story influence how you think about them?

*Take time to pray for each other.*

Use this prayer as the theme of your prayer time: "*Father in Heaven, thank you for your grace and patience with us! Thank you that though we were once like Saul, you brought us into your kingdom and your family. Help us to remember that no one is too hard or too far gone for you. Thank you for your saving grace Lord. Bring us back to you in prayer that we might continue to see you work!*"