



Series: Fix Your Eyes on Jesus

Sunday, May 3, 2020

Acts 9:1-22

### A Time of Worship

**Pray**—what are some things (or some individuals) you have been praying about this week that you'd like to pray about together?

**Opener:** *What from last week's lesson on Peter walking on water has you thought about further this week? What remains with you?*

**Bible Study:** *Acts 9:1-22; other references: Philippians 3:4-6; Acts 26:9-11; Rom 6:1-4; Eph 4:22-24*

#### Discuss:

- In these texts we see the “great” Apostle Paul had a prior life before coming to know Jesus. What do we know of this life?
- Acts 7 contains the earliest reference to Saul/Paul. What is learned about him there? What was he doing & why?
- In what ways was the church affected by the persecution, threats and violence that those like Saul propagated against it?
- Acts 9 describes the turning point in Paul's life. Why do you think Jesus intervened in such dramatic fashion for him? What role did He enlist Ananias to play?
- When Paul's “eyesight” was restored and his vision of who Jesus is made clear, what did he do? How fast did he do it?
- Talk about the impact Paul's life made upon the early church after that. What impact have his teachings made upon you?

#### Application:

Share about your first encounter with Jesus (if you remember) and how it changed your life? OR talk about how knowing Jesus has changed the trajectory of your life.

What “holy disruptive” times have you experienced in your life? Have there been times or seasons when you can see now that God was working on you and changing you?

How has THIS time (the last few weeks) been a disruptive moment for you? Has it been formative or life-changing in any way? How have you been affected spiritually?

**Close in Prayer** that God would open the eyes of your heart to see HIM more clearly AND those around you.