

# "Blinded by the Light"

Acts 9:1-19

## I. Saul was blinded by pride before his encounter with Christ! V1-2 (2 Corinthians 4:4)

- A. Saul was so blinded by anger that he even cursed those made in the image of God on the way to the temple!
  - o *11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and saltwater? 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water. 3:10-12*
- B. Saul's sin and anger made him do things a true worshiper of God wouldn't do!

## II. Saul was blinded by the light of Christ and His life would never be the same! V3-9

- A. Saul had every intention of following through with the evil in his heart, but God had another plan for his life!
- B. How humbling it must have been for Saul to be told what to do helpless and blind!
- C. Jesus spoke directly to Saul's heart and he couldn't escape it!

## III. Saul was blinded by the light of Christ and His life would never be the same! V 10-16

- A. Ananias was willing to listen to the call of the Holy Spirit!

- B. The Holy Spirit was already working in Saul's life!
- C. God had chosen a broken vessel to be his ambassador!
- D. Ananias was obedient and went even though he had reservations about Saul!

## IV. Saul was about to see in a way that he never had before and Ananias got to be a part of it! V 11-19

- A. Ananias greeted Saul with compassion!
- B. He explained the truth to Saul!
- C. Jesus restored and healed Saul!

### Closing Questions

- 1.) Is there pride or sin in your life that is blinding you from the light?
- 2.) Have you ever had an encounter with Jesus?
- 3.) Are there people that Jesus is calling you to reach out to?

### Weekly Challenge

- 1.) Take a spiritual inventory of your life this week and see if there are things you need to ask the Holy Spirit to remove from your life!
- 2.) Pray and ask God to show you one person that you are to reach out to this week. Pray for them, invest time with them, and invite them to church!
- 3.) Read Romans 6 and 2 Kings 5 in preparation for next week!