

ICB COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY

WHAT WE DO: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BOOK OF ACTS

The message last Sunday, continued our series "What We Do". Pastor John shared with us about the conversion of Saul and God's unique plan for each of our lives.

START

- If you were to vote for the person "most likely never to become a Christian" whom would you choose? Why?

SHARE

- While most conversions are not as dramatic as Paul's, how was yours similar? How did Jesus show himself to you? Was there an "Ananias" in your life?
- Review what you know about Saul (7:58–8:3). What further insights do you get about him from 9:1-2?

READ ACTS 9:1-19

- Why do you think Saul hated Christianity so much?
- Describe Saul's encounter with Jesus Christ in verses 3-9. (What is the emotional, spiritual, physical and social climate?)
- Why do you think Saul's conversion was so dramatic?
- Why do you think the Lord blinded Saul?
- Ananias is the second person within three days to have a direct encounter with the Lord. Compare and contrast his encounter (vv. 10-16) with that of Saul's.
- What do you learn about obedience to God through Saul and Ananias?

GROW

- Because of God's great grace we see a wretched man changed and transformed into someone who has impacted generations upon generations. What impact has God's grace had on your life? Where would you be had He not saved you?
- Pastor John shared that one of the greatest gifts we have been given is the uniqueness of who we are. The personalities and gifts we have, have been given to us for a reason, and He likes who we are! How can we make who we are and the way God's made us, make a difference for His kingdom?

PRAY

Think again of your choice for “the most unlikely Christian.” From this passage, what have you learned that speaks to your doubts about their becoming a believer? Take a few minutes as a group to pray for the people you mentioned.

GO

Be encouraged, God loves even the people with the hardest hearts and His desire is to use all that He has given us for His glory and the spreading of His kingdom.

But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

Read more about the conversion of Saul in Acts 9: 1-19, 22:3-16, 26:9-18.