

The Book of Acts

Study Guide and Discussion Questions

Week 10

Chapters 9 - 10: The Power of the Lord to Bring Life

We begin this chapter with the conversion of Paul. It can be argued that Paul was the most profound conversion recorded in the scriptures. He goes from persecutor of saints, to champion of the faith, from Jewish Pharisee to Christian Apostle, from Roman citizen to Roman prisoner.

1. What is the significance of him being knocked off his horse?

What do you think is the significance of him being struck blind by the Lord?

Being struck with blindness – let's talk about that.

2. He is 3 days without sight? Do you think there is a significance that it is 3 days? Not 2, not 4?

3. He is told to go to Damascus to a particular man named Ananias. He must have wondered if he would be received. We see the Lord speaks to Ananias through the Holy Spirit. Notice his response in verses 9:13-9:14. Why does he obey?

4. In verse 9:16 we see a foreshadow of the suffering Paul endures for the Gospel. As we read through the Book of Acts and the epistles that Paul writes to the early churches, this suffering is chronicled. How does he suffer? Can you think of some examples that you have read?

2. What does Paul do next?

The Jews try to kill him, but he escapes. How?

4. What happens when he gets to Jerusalem? Are the disciples there happy to see him?

5. Who gives testimony for him?

6. Pauls goes on to Caesarea and Tarsus. And Peter goes to Lydda. What happens in Lydda? Verse 9:33

7. What is the result?

8. Chapter 10 - A holy man - who is a Roman and a Gentile - is praying unto the Lord and the Lord answers him. How?

9. The same hour - as Peter is praying he receives a vision. What does this tell us about the Spirit of God and our prayers?

10. In the vision - Peter is shown foods that were regarded by the Jews as unclean. What does that mean?

11. When they arrive - what does Peter find?

12. What is remarkable about who is present?

13. As Peter he shares the message of salvation and what happens? Who responds?
