

H2H Questions – Week of Sunday, October 26, 2025

Acts 9:23-40

Get to Know Me

1. In this passage Saul begins to face persecution for his faith in Jesus. The hunter has become the hunted. The persecutor has become the persecuted. What are some of the biggest differences in your life after coming to faith in Jesus?

Into the Bible

Read Acts 9:23-25

2. In Acts 9:16 Jesus told Ananias that there were “many things he must suffer for My name’s sake.” This was the beginning of Saul/Paul’s long ministry that would include a variety of suffering. Read the following passages and discuss the need for faith and perseverance for the Christian life.
 - a. 2 Corinthians 11:22-33
 - b. 2 Timothy 3:12
 - c. James 1:12

Read Acts 9:26-30

3. In the previous section of scripture, we are told that it was “many days” since Saul’s conversion. Paul indicates in Galatians 1:18 that at least three years had passed between the time he was converted and when he went to stay with Peter. Even after three years, the disciples in Jerusalem were skeptical and still fearful of Saul. It’s somewhat understandable since many of these Christians probably had friends or family that suffered under Saul’s persecution. That’s what makes Barnabas’ love and compassion towards Saul all the more impressive. Read through 2 Corinthians 13 and discuss the kind of love we are called to have for one another. Which attributes are displayed by Barnabas in this passage?
4. Once again, Saul is the target of a plot to take his life because of his preaching ministry. Serving the Lord can, at times, be difficult, and you will face opposition. What are some ways that we can fight discouragement when facing difficulty in our service to God?

Read Acts 9:31

5. Even in an environment that was hostile to their message and work, the churches experienced peace and edification (built up, encouraged). What two things described these Christians’ walk and how can they help believers have peace and be encouraged even in difficult times?

Read Acts 9:32-35

6. Peter was actively traveling around visiting the saints in all the surrounding regions and was used by God to heal a paralyzed man. What does this teach us about being active servants rather than expecting God to bring every serving opportunity to us?
7. At the end of this section, we see that many people turned to the Lord when they saw and heard about what happened to Aeneas. What does this teach us about the power and effectiveness of our personal testimonies concerning what Jesus has done for us?

Read Acts 9:36-43

8. Peter was called on to minister to the family and friends of this woman Tabitha. What they expected from Peter is unclear. Did they expect that Peter could be used to raise their friend from the dead? Maybe they thought he could help them understand why God would take such a special and caring woman from them? They might have just hoped he could help comfort them in their time of mourning. If we were in Peter's shoes we might think, "What do these people expect *me* to do?" Read Mark 5:38-42 and notice the similarities between the two stories. Maybe Peter just asked himself, "What would Jesus do?" How can walking in the example of Jesus help us serve other people when we are called on?

Application

9. Whether it is Paul preaching in the face of opposition, Barnabas showing courageous love, or Peter ministering to the suffering, this passage shows us examples of people who were willing to do what God placed before them. How can we make sure that we are obedient to answer the call when God has work for us to do?

Prayer Requests

- Pray for many to be saved at this week's Harvest Festival.
- Ministry Highlight: Ushers Team