

Acts Chapter 9 – Paul's Conversion 07/27/2025 Questions

- 1. In Acts 9:4 what is the significance of Jesus asking Saul, "Why are you persecuting Me?" instead of "My followers"?
- 2. What is a "goad," and how does the image of kicking against it help us understand Saul's resistance to God? Have you ever experienced a time when you were "kicking against the goads" and resisting God's leading?
- 3. Why do people sometimes resist the truth, even when it causes them pain? How can this metaphor shape the way we approach people who are currently resisting the gospel?
- 4. Comment on this statement: "When you are fighting against God the best thing you can do is just surrender."
- 5. Why do you think God chose to use Ananias, an ordinary disciple, instead of one of the church leaders in Damascus to minister to Saul?
- 6. How should God's use of Ananias shape our understanding of who is qualified to minister, pray, or lay hands on others in the Church today?
- 7. Discuss a time when you were worried about a threat that you later found out that God had already taken care of.
- 8. Have you ever experienced or witnessed a dramatic spiritual transformation like Saul's?
- 9. How do we discern genuine conversion in someone's life, especially when their past was destructive?
- 10. How did Saul's background—of growing up in a Greek city, as being a Roman citizen and as being a Jewish Pharisee—prepare him for his future ministry, even though it was originally used against Christ?
- 11. In what ways does God repurpose Saul's passion, intellect, and boldness for the advancement of the gospel rather than persecution of the Church?
- 12. How can our own past mistakes, training, or experiences be used by God for good in His kingdom? Why is it important to remember that God can redeem every part of our story—not just the "good" parts?