

4Ws Damascus Road Experience: Saul's Conversion | Acts 9:1-9

WORSHIP

Consider reading **Psalm 127 & 128** together, taking turns reading a verse a time, or reading responsively with the leader reading a verse and the group responding with the next verse.

Consider singing some of the songs on the sheets that were included in your packet if you have someone in the group that plays the guitar or can lead music and/or play the guitar.

WELCOME

Questions.

Have you ever had the privilege of delivering good news to someone? What was the news you delivered and how did the other person react?

WORD

Discussion Questions.

1. Saul traveled 150 miles to Damascus in order to expand what started as a local persecution against believers in Jerusalem (See Acts 8:1). What does this tell you about him?
2. How do you think Saul felt when confronted by Jesus (Acts 9:4-6)? Given his previous activity, what would he be thinking about during those three days of blindness and fasting?
3. How did the Lord first get your attention? Was it through some dramatic event like this or in a quieter, more natural way?
4. Read Acts 9:5-6 (NKJV). There are two questions that Saul of Tarsus asked. Who is Jesus Christ?" and "Lord, what do you want me to do?" Like Saul, have you asked and settled these questions for yourself? In not what is hindering you?

WORK

We have talked often about the risks we face when we talk to someone about Jesus. This would be a great opportunity to challenge the group with the thought that the first followers faced far greater risks than we ever will, but they continued to tell everyone everywhere about Christ. Philip was fearless, but Ananias was practical and they both set an example for us. We can learn fearlessness from Philip, but we can learn courage from Ananias. We can only be brave when we're afraid in the first place and that we learn from Ananias. He's not fearless, he's afraid, but he's brave in the midst of his fear and that's why he was able to have the impact he did in Saul's life. This is where we can give some thought to the people we know we should be talking to about Jesus, but somehow we can't find the courage to get it done. We need to be brave even if we're not fearless. We need to speak up even when we don't feel like it. If you're leading this group make sure that you are listening to the challenge yourself. There is no better way to motivate others to do the right thing than to set an example for them. Speak to others about Jesus when you have the opportunity and set an example of lifestyle evangelism for the members of your group. They will be much more likely to follow your example than they will be to simply do what you tell them to do. Ask the group to discuss this and then ask them to think through the list of people you have been praying for each week. Discuss how we can be more aggressively involved in sharing the good news with these folks for whom God has burdened us. We will pray for these people tonight and each night we're together until they come to Small Group, or come to Christ through some other means. Have each couple/individual share the name of one couple/person to pray for and then ask one of the other people in the group to pray for them.

Close your time together in prayer.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Singapore Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Core, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Singapore Facilities

- CCF Singapore Center
- Equipments

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends