

# 4Ws Acts 9:20-43 with Ptr. Samuel Ling

## WORSHIP

Consider reading **Psalm 125 & 126** 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 taken a risk? What was the reward you were pursuing when you took that risk? How did it turn out, were you rewarded or did something else happen?

## WORD

### Discussion Questions.

1. What is the context for understanding Acts 9? Peter and Paul ... Jerusalem and Antioch ... In what ways is this chapter a transition passage?
2. Note how Paul went from "fellowship" to "witness" to "apologetics" to "persecution." What may be the several "phases" or stages in your own Christian walk?
3. What are the 4 characteristics of an apostle (and his office)?
4. What is the purpose of a miracle (any miracle) recorded in the Bible?
5. What can we learn from the ministry of Barnabas (also refer to chapter 4 and chapter 11)?
6. In Acts 9, how was God preparing Peter (refer to chapter 10)?
7. What are the five sub-cultural groups represented in the churches in Acts? What can we learn about God's calling in our lives, from this multi-cultural reality?
8. How may God be shaping and molding me, at this moment, and this stage in my life?

# WORK

We have talked often about the risks we face when we talk to someone about Jesus. Saul knew at the beginning of his ministry that there would be a tremendous cost for following Christ. In fact, Jesus had warned him that he would 'suffer greatly' for his choice to follow Christ. Saul decided to follow Jesus and it wasn't long before Saul was waking up every morning wondering if the Jews would succeed in killing him that day. Most of us will never have to face that kind of risk, but we need to realize that there is risk involved in telling others about Jesus. So it's time to consider once again whom we know that needs to know what we know. That's why we are making this list of people of for whom we will pray.

Those of us who lead should remember that 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