

Bold and Powerful  
Week's reading: Acts 9:1-10:8  
Discussion Guide: October 8, 2023

**CHECK UP:**

Memory work: And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.  
- 2 Corinthians 5:19b-20a

How did you strive to live a life humble before God this past week?

**OPEN:**

- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?
  - o How did you live bold and powerful this past week?
- What stood out to you from this past week's reading?
  - o What questions do you have?

**READ and ASK: Acts 9:1-31**

- What do you find most encouraging about this text?
- What was your conversion experience like?
- Is there a specific ministry (in the context of the great commission) that God has called you?
  - o Why do we sometimes resist what God asks for us?
- How does Ananias's actions challenge you?
- How can fasting help us focus on spiritual needs? (vs 9)
- What are some of the ways a person can play a part in leading someone to Jesus?
  - o What are some ways we can welcome new believers into the body of Christ?
- What did Saul do immediately after he was baptized?
  - o How did people respond?
  - o If you were threatened (like Saul) whom could you count on to protect you?

**APPLY:**

- What was your greatest take away from this past week's text and/or sermon?
- What does it mean to you that God would use someone like Saul to not only transform but to use as a key leader in the early church?
  - o Have you ever struggled with being beyond "grace?" How does Saul's story encourage you?
- What is one thing you can do to make Cornerstone like the church that Saul needed?
- How can you prepare for discussions about God with your coworkers or non-Christian friends?
- NEXT STEP: What is one thing you could do this week to help someone grow in their faith?

Memory Work:

Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers. - Acts 9:31

Next Week's Reading:

Acts 10:9-11:18