

7/24-25/21 Community Questions
Acts Series: Blind Illumination
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1. Think of the biggest or most significant thing that has happened in your life so far. How has your life changed? Were you prepared for it, or were you “blindsided?”

2. What came to mind when Pastor Bob said that Saul went from being a terrorist to an evangelist? If you’ve had an experience where you’ve gone from being against something to being for it, please describe it. How did that make you feel?

3. Read Acts 7:58-8:3.
 - a) How did Stephen being martyred change the lives of Jesus’ followers?

 - b) How did it fulfill Jesus’ promise that they would be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria? (Acts 1:8)

 - c) How did it change Saul’s life mission? (Acts 26:9)

4. Read Romans 8:28. How do you think God worked good out of the widespread persecution of His people?

5. From reading Acts 9:1-9, what do you think it would be like to have Saul’s experience on the road to Damascus, and then for the following 3 days?

6. Continuing on in Acts 9, we read of Ananias, who was a disciple in Damascus. Why did Ananias question the Lord's assignment?
7. How was Ananias able to carry out God's will to heal Saul of blindness? What had shifted in his heart to be able to call him "Brother Saul?"
8. We never hear about Ananias again. Then in Acts 9:26-27, we're introduced to Barnabas, who had a larger role in Paul's life. What impact do you think these two early influencers had on Paul's life and ministry?
9. What can you do to be more like Ananias and Barnabas for someone you know?
10. What did you think of Pastor Bob's statement that no one is too good or too bad to be outside of the reach of Jesus' grace? How have you been affected by grace? (Reflect on 1 Corinthians 15:10a.)