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## Part 2: The Persecutor Believes

Acts 9:1-31

1. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ our conversion.
  
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus in conversion.
  
3. Conversion demands \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus.
  - a. Humility? Certainly
  - b. Obedience? Lovingly
  - c. Suffering? Probably
  
4. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ others in our conversion.
  - a. Be an Ananias.
  - b. Be a Barnabas.
  - c. Be the Church.
  
5. Conversion stirs \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.



## **Acts 9:1-31**

### **Questions for adults to discuss:**

1. How does Luke describe Saul according to verses 1 and 2? Why is it important to know this?
2. What do Jesus' words in verse 4 imply about His relationship with the church?
3. How do we see God's grace displayed in Saul's conversion?
4. After Saul's encounter with Jesus, what immediate evidence of transformation do you see in Saul?
5. What can we learn about Barnabas from this text? How does the testimony of Barnabas in the book of Acts encourage you?
6. In your own words, define conversion. How would you describe or compare a life before Christ to a life changed by God's grace?

### **Questions to discuss with 6th-12th grade students:**

1. Who was converted? Who did God use to help in the conversion? How did God bring Saul to Himself? What happened on the road? Why do you think it had to happen this way?
2. Have you ever felt like you've done too much bad to be of any use to God? Why? What was Saul's history? How did God want to use Saul still? What does this show you about your own testimony?
3. In what way can you share your testimony this week? Do you have a testimony of new life with Christ? If you don't, talk to someone you trust and know that you will never be so far gone that Jesus can't use you.



## Questions/Activities for birth-5th graders:

“So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.” **Acts 9:31**

### Questions

1. What was happening to the church after Saul’s conversion? (*it was being built up*)
2. What does it mean to fear the Lord? (*respect and recognition of His complete power and position*)
3. What is the comfort of the Holy Spirit? (*reminder that wherever we go or whatever we do, God is always with us. The Holy Spirit encourages, consoles, strengthens, and provides hope*)

### Activities

Play a blindfold game with your family. Let each person take turns being blindfolded and being led around obstacles. This is a great time to get outside again if the weather permits. Another family member will guide and direct the person being blindfolded. Make sure you have a beginning and an end to your obstacle course. Remind your family that Saul was blinded in the Bible story today. God changed Saul and Saul was filled with the Holy Spirit. After his conversion, Saul would fully understand that no matter how dark it gets or what the obstacles, God is there with him and will never leave his side.