

**I. Synopsis**

We explore Paul's road to from law to grace. We encounter a man whose life was transformed from a zealous Pharisee who would persecute those who followed Jesus to a man who experienced grace. In the thirteen letters he penned we find grace abounds in Pauline theology.

**II. Ice Breaker Question**

ABC network hosts the program, Extreme Weight Loss. Participants are dedicated to learning a new lifestyle of discipline with eating and exercise. As viewers tune-in to the program they witness the diligent work of participants losing on average 150 pounds over the course of a year. Why do you suppose so many tune-in to view the transformational progress?

**III. Scripture:** Acts 9:1-19 (ESV)**IV. Discussion Questions**

1. In your opinion, what does it mean to be a person who is driven to follow every rule, no exception? Give an example of what that might look like.
2. There are 613 laws in the Old Testament. As a Pharisee, Paul was driven to follow God's law in his own life. In addition, he pointed out where others were not following God's law. What you suppose were some of his motivating factors in his passion to follow the law?

3. Luke is the writer of the book of Acts. Paul's conversion is told on three different occasions: Acts 9:1-19, Acts 22:1-22, Acts 26:1-23. If you read each account, you learn the bigger picture of Paul's conversion. What additional details do you learn about Paul as a religious leader of the Jewish faith? What do you learn about Paul as a person? What do you learn about the mission given to Paul by the risen Lord Jesus? What do you learn about God's character?
4. Grace is a gift freely given to us by God. There is nothing we do earn grace. An acronym for grace is God's Riches At Christ's Expense. Out of love for us God the Father sent His only Son to die for us so that we might have eternal life with the God as our Father. Paul wrote 13 letters in the New Testament, all of which center around the theme of grace. Paul is known as the Apostle of Grace. How does Paul experience God's grace in his life?
5. What does grace look like in your life? Share a time you experienced grace from someone else. How have you experienced grace from God? What would it look like to extend grace to someone in your life?