

York St Small Groups

Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 15th August 2021

The Message
Acts 9-15



The Message



These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.



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GETTING STARTED

Q1. Are you aware of times in your life (or the lives of others) where the direction of life takes an unexpected turn? For the worse? For the better?

Q2. Can you think of a time where you have seen or experienced a radical transformation in your own (or someone else's) faith journey?

INTO THE WORD

Read Acts 9:1-22

Q3. What strikes you about Saul's story? What aspects of the story raise questions or cause curiosity for you?

Q4. On the road to Damascus, Saul has a direct confrontation with Jesus. We tend to fear confrontational moments with others. Should we or should we not fear confrontational moments with God?

Q5. Can you think of a recent time when you have been confronted by God about an aspect of your life or faith?

GOING DEEPER

Q6. In verse 13 and 14, Ananias is reluctant to respond to God's instructions, having already heard of Saul and his behaviour toward the followers of Jesus. How would you have responded if you were Ananias? Is it fair to make judgment calls on whether people can change, or whether their conversion might be legitimate?

Q7. Sometimes transformation is quick and immediate, other times it's slow going. How would you articulate God's transforming power at work in your own life over the last 6-12 months? To ask it another way, how is God currently transforming you to be more like Christ?

Pray

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gospel message of Jesus. Thank you that it continues to transform us day-by-day to be more like Him. May we not lose sight of the transformational power of your message, and we pray that you might equip and empower us to share your message of hope, love, and peace to those around us. Be with us in our conversations and interactions with others, that we might continue to spread your message to the 'ends of the earth'. In Jesus' name. Amen.