1. Persecutor of the church
   a) Acts 26:9–11
   b) Why do you think Saul’s persecution of Christians was so fierce and relentless?
   c) What does the later story of this persecutor reveal about the immeasurable, unfailing love of God?

2. On the Damascus road
   a) Acts 9:1–9
   b) What do you imagine went through Saul’s mind as he heard the word of Jesus recorded in Acts 9:4–5?
   c) Apparently, the Holy Spirit was already at work. What issue might have been troubling Saul?
   d) What is the significance of the three days of fasting? How might the Holy Spirit have been at work during this time of fasting and prayer? John 16:8–11

3. The visit of Ananias
   a) Acts 9:10–19
   b) How did the visit of Ananias bring important confirmation to Saul?
   c) Share a time when Jesus asked you to do a special work for Him and He enabled you by His Spirit to overcome your initial apprehension and fears.

4. Preparation for ministry as a follower of Jesus
   b) What happened to Saul after he escaped from Damascus? Galatians 1:13–18
   c) What do the following verses tell us about Saul’s preparation for ministry?
      i) Galatians 1:11–12
      ii) 1 Corinthians 11:23
      iii) 1 Thessalonians 4:15
   d) What important lessons can we learn from Saul’s early experience as a follower of Jesus?

5. Return to Jerusalem
   a) Three years have passed since Saul left Jerusalem with letters to arrest Christians in Damascus. How was Saul treated when he returned to Jerusalem?
      i) By the leaders of the Christian church? Acts 9:26
      ii) By those who heard him preach? Acts 9:29
   c) Who has God provided as an important support and mentor for you in your spiritual journey?

6. Continued guidance
   a) What encouragement can we find from Saul’s testimony recorded in Acts 22:17–21?
   b) What promises that assure us of God’s guidance?
   c) Share a time when God clearly directed your life.