

**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**

- a) Acts 9:20–25, describe Saul’s early ministry experience 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
- b) Who did God provide as a support and mentor for Saul? Acts 9:27–28, Acts 4:36–37; 11:19–30
- 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.

