

Fall 2021 Bible Study: The Acts of the Apostles

"You shall be my witnesses"

October 11, 2021

Lesson 4

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Review: Who is Saul?

What do we know about Saul's background? Why is he persecuting all those following Christ? What would that look like today?

Scripture lessons for today:

Chapter 9:1-9 On the way to Damascus

Checking our maps: from Jerusalem to Damascus

Places of interest: Jerusalem, Damascus, Antioch

What significance do they have for Saul?

Saul's experience on the road:

What is his goal? What stops him? What happens?

Chapter 9:10-19 Saul called to be God's instrument

Who is Ananias? What is his role? Why does he hesitate?

How is Saul's sight restored? What does God have in store for him? How does he respond?

Chapter 9:20-25 Saul's new-found faith

What is Saul's response to his baptism? What does his repentance look like? What is the response of the Jews?

Chapter 9:26-31 Saul's time in Jerusalem

How is Saul received by the disciples? Who is Barnabas?

Where is he from? How does he help Saul?

Why must Saul leave Jerusalem? Where is he going?

On our maps: Where is Tarsus in relation to Antioch?

How about Cyprus? Find Lydda, Joppa and Caesarea?

Chapter 9:32-43 Returning to Peter's Ministry

What is the significance of Peter's healing of Aeneas?

How is Tabitha/Dorcas healed? How do the people respond?

Chapter 10:1-33 Peter and Cornelius

Who is Cornelius? What did the angel ask of him?

What does Peter's vision have to do with Cornelius?

Why does Peter go to Caesarea? What is Cornelius's response? God opens the door to the Gentiles and Peter.

Chapter 10: 34-48 Peter's Good News for the Gentiles

Peter's message says that God shows no partiality: what did that mean for the new church. What does it mean for us?

Chapter 11:1-18 God has given new life even to the Gentiles!

As Peter gives an accounting of his ministry in Caesarea; what are the rest of the disciples to learn?

Concluding Thoughts: "Who was I that I should hinder God?" Are there ways that we are short-sighted and thus hinder our witness for God ?

Closing Prayers