

2024 - Family Devo

Oct 6 - a



READ: Acts 22:6-11

Main Idea: Paul (also called Saul) gives his defense before this crowd who were trying to kill him. In doing so, he tells of his conversion to Christ. It began when he was on his way to Damascus, thinking (just like this crowd) that Christianity was blasphemous against God and something to be stopped. He tells of the moment a light from heaven blinded him and Jesus spoke from heaven to him. Notice at this moment he changes his direction and believes in Jesus. Instead of persecuting Jesus' followers he now asks Jesus what he should do.

DISCUSS

Children: Have you ever stared at the sun or a bright light too long? Imagine if you were totally blind after that and had to be led from place to place by someone else. How scared would you be if someone you didn't know talked to you while you were blinded? Paul was a very smart man and he was doing what he thought was right. Do you think that if Jesus had just tried to talk to him he would have believed as quickly as he did while he was blind?

Teen: What good is there in sharing your conversion story with others? Did your direction change after you decided to follow Jesus? If so, How? If not, Why not?

Adult: Have you told the story of your conversion to others? Meaning what made you decide to be baptized? Here, Saul just tells what he saw on the road. What part of this scene would you like to have seen? If you had been Saul would you also have asked "Who are you" and "What shall I do?" Would you have had other questions? If so, what would you ask?

PRAY

MEMORIZE

Psalm 119:11 (ESV)
I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

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READ: Acts 22:12-16

Main Idea: Paul has been blinded by Jesus on his way to persecute Jesus' followers in Damascus. From reading Acts 9 we know Paul has been in Damascus fasting and praying for 3 days. A Christian, Ananias, comes to him and tells him of God's big plans for Paul to tell his story (witness) to many people. He then tells Paul how to be saved. He asks, "why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name."

DISCUSS

Children: Ananias must have known who Paul was. He must have known that Paul was responsible for many Christians' deaths. But he put away his fear and taught Paul what he needed to know. Can you do that? Can you be fearful and still talk to people about Jesus?

Teen: Is baptism the beginning or the end of God's plan for Paul? After baptism are you done? What more does God desire from you?

Adult: Saul (Paul) is told he will be God's witness to all people. Do you think he knew how far reaching his impact would be? Do you think he realized that centuries of Christians would read his writings? Would you have been like Saul and immediately been baptized? What do you think he was doing for the 3 days of waiting? What was going through his mind? It seems that he already was convicted and was just waiting to be told what to do.

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