

STUDY GUIDE

Acts 9:1-31

“The Power of the Gospel: From Adversary to Ally”

- 1) Share how you came to put your in faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.
- 2) Why are rivalries, contentions and conflicts in our lives an effect of our war against God’s authority over our lives? What does that look like in our world and in our lives today?
- 3) How was Saul like the Islamic terrorists of our day? In light of Saul’s dramatic conversion, how should we be praying for those like him today? Why is it so hard to do so?
- 4) What was the purpose of Saul’s blindness? Why did he spend three days in the dark with no food or water? Why should this be the continuous experience of a born-again Christian?
- 5) In what ways does God use the church to be a means by which the power of the gospel transforms adversaries into allies? What barriers does the church face in doing so?
- 6) How did Saul learn the power of weakness? How have you learned the power of weakness?
- 7) What’s wrong with pride and self-confidence in what we do for God?
- 8) In what ways were you an enemy of God before you came to faith in Jesus? What changed in your life when you came to faith in Jesus? How are you now an ally for God?

A thorn was given me in the flesh . . . to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:7-10