**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**ACTS – LESSON 9**

**Acts 9:1-43**

1. What did you learn about witnessing to different people in last week’s lesson?

2. In his religious zeal, what did Saul want from the high priest and why?

3. a. What question did Jesus ask?

 b. In what way was Saul’s persecution of the believers persecuting Christ according to 1 Corinthians 12:27?

4. a. In Acts 9:8, what was the immediate evidence of Saul’s encounter with Christ on the Damascus road?

 b. Dramatic or not, a personal encounter with Christ is always the beginning of the Christian life. Describe your own first encounter with Jesus.

5. a. According to verse 11, what was Saul doing during his blindness?

 b. How was Saul being prepared by God?

6. After reading verses 10-16, list some characteristics you think would describe Ananias.

7. God told Ananias what about Saul’s mission?

8. a. When Ananias placed his hands on Saul, he said Jesus sent him to Saul for what two reasons?

 b. What happened next?

 c. Saul experienced physical blindness that resulted in his spiritual blindness being removed. What does 2 Corinthians 4:4 say about spiritual blindness?

9. a. What did Saul begin to do at once?

 b. According to Galatians 1:13-17, where did Saul go following his conversion?

10. a. In Acts 9:21-23, briefly describe the reaction of the Jews in Damascus to Saul.

 b. How did Saul escape?

 c. Saul has seen Stephen willing to die for his faith. Now he was fleeing from his persecutors. How do you think he felt?

11. a. Saul’s past hindered his witness. Share an example of how a “past” has hindered someone’s witness or conversely been a positive testimony. (Give both a Bible example and a personal knowledge example if possible.)

 b. What should we remember about the validity of a personal testimony from Ephesians 4:32?

12. a. From Acts 9:26, what kind of reception did Saul get in Jerusalem?

 b. Who took him to the apostles?

 c. Why do you think Barnabas believed in Saul?

13. a. Why did the believers send Saul to Tarsus?

 b. List several phrases describing what happened to the church following Saul’s departure.

14. a. What miracle did Peter perform at Lydda?

 b. What was the result?

 c. What can we appreciate about God from these Scriptures:

 Psalm 62:11

 Habakkuk 3:2

15. a. How was Tabitha described?

 b. What was Peter shown in verse 39?

 c. Review what Peter had witnessed Jesus do in Luke 8:49-56. How were both resurrections similar?

 d. According to John 20:31, miracles should accomplish what?

16. Both Ananias and Barnabas helped the newly converted Saul. What are some ways you can help new believers around you grow in their new life?