

ACTS ODYSSEY: Discussion Questions

Week 2: Damascus

Small group rules to keep in mind:

In your sharing time be as open and transparent as you comfortably feel you can. There is no need to challenge, correct, or give advice unless asked for. Be careful to not in “over share”. Be sensitive to give everyone an opportunity to join in.

For each week, start off your discussions with the first two questions. After that choose any of the other questions which you feel best suits your particular group.

1. What insight spoke to you most in the video study today?
2. Open your book. Take turns sharing one major insight you received from any one of the first seven chapters. Take time for other members to turn to each passage being highlighted.
3. For the early church in the book of Acts, the conversion of Saul of Tarsus had to be the most surprising news of all. Does anyone come to your mind that was quite a surprise when you found out they had come to Christ? Who was that, and to your knowledge how did that come about?
4. Saul who later took the name “Paul” turned out to be one of the most powerful preachers and ministers of the gospel. Brainstorm with you groups as to what you think it was in his background that made him so effective?

How have you seen God use something in your background for serving the Lord and for the good of mankind?

5. Have someone read Ephesians 3:10. God revealed to Saul of Tarsus that he had a plan and mission for him to bring the gospel to the Gentiles even before he was born. It is the same for each and every one of those God chooses to follow Him. At this point in your life, can you identify what particular mission God has for you? What do you think that is?

6. Describe your own faith journey. Was there a lightbulb moment on your road to faith or in your spiritual growth? Did it happen suddenly or slowly? At home, at church, or something else? What was the biggest thing that caught your attention and drew you into, or back into Christianity? If you would not yet identify as a Christian, share your spiritual journey so far. What brought you to this study?

Prayer for the journey: *“Lord, as I go on this journey through the book of Acts, prepare my heart. Change me. Enable me and give me the confidence to speak with boldness. And please Lord, help me stay open to however You choose to work through me.” In Jesus name I pray. Amen*