



## Saul in Damascus and Jerusalem

### Getting to know each other:

What was the first "big" purchase you ever made with your own money? If you are married, what was your first "big" purchase as a married couple?

### Read Acts 9:19b-31

1. What stands out about Saul after he had an encounter with Jesus ?
2. Reread verse 20. Using your best understanding of what is happening in this text, explore these questions together: "What was Saul saved for?" and "What are we saved for?"
3. **Sharing Our Stories:** Notice that some of Saul's "first steps" as a new follower of Jesus was to go do the opposite of what he had been devoting his life to before. God led Saul into the work of redeeming his personal past. What were/are some of those same steps for you in your life?
4. What was the reaction like from the people of Damascus upon hearing Saul preach?
5. Think of someone that has caused you pain. How would you feel if one day yourself in the same position as the people of Damascus? As a follower of Jesus, what should our reaction be?
6. **Digging Deeper:** This week, Pastor Silverio spent some time exploring the "attitude of a Kingdom worker." Find Jesus' parable of the vineyard workers in **Matthew 20:1-16** and read it together. Using this parable as a guide, how would you complete the following statement:  
The most important thing in God's Kingdom is \_\_\_\_\_. and not \_\_\_\_\_.
7. In the beginning of this series we read that the a great persecution had started against the church (Chapter 8). Now, Luke tells us the church enjoyed a time of peace. List all of the victories that were gained during the time in-between the start of the challenge and the arrival of peace.
8. What encouragement can we find here if we are living in between a time of challenge and a time of peace?

## Next Steps 2023

- What are some of your next steps in faith for 2023? Share any updates with your group.
- When you complete your next step using the campus QR code below.

## Prayer

- Share praises and prayer requests with one another.
- Guided prayer: God, show me what you want me to do in your Kingdom. Give me the courage to follow your prompting even if it is to do something uncomfortable. I want to honor you in all I do. In Jesus' name, Amen.

