

Groups Sermon Based Questions

Witnesses

May 24 & 25, 2025



Ananias

The sermon is up on the spac.ca website
Monday of each week.

God chooses to use an ordinary man, Ananias, to witness and heal the man who was eager to kill believers of Jesus. Through Ananias' obedience, Saul (Paul) is healed and would become an important witness for Christ's message to the world.

Scripture: Acts 9:1-22

Engage

(Optional) Icebreaker Question

1. What was the biggest 'why' question as you grew up learning about the world, faith, and God? For example: "Why is there suffering in the world?"

Study

Read Acts 9:1-9 (Saul's Conversion)

1. What in Saul's (Paul) conversation stands out to you the most, why?
2. Saul thought he was serving God, instead he was opposing Him. Has there been a time when the Lord encountered or humbled you, when you thought you were so sure you were 'right' or acting 'godly'?
3. Why do you think Jesus chose to encounter Saul with a question? And what impact do questions have? *(Leader Notes: Jesus asks over 300 questions recorded in the Gospels. The first recorded question God asks is in Genesis 3:9).*
4. Whether a child or an adult, what is at the core of our hearts in asking 'why' questions? And how is it different when Jesus is asking us 'why' questions?
5. As we encounter people, how can asking questions with a similar heart posture as God's, impact the way we witness? What type of questions would/could you ask?

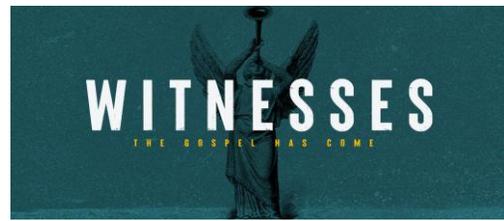
Read Acts 9:10-22 (Ananias' Witness)

6. Why does Jesus choose to use an ordinary man like Ananias to heal Saul? Why didn't Jesus use a prominent leader/Apostle or do it Himself? What does this teach us about God's heart for his church and you?
7. Ananias obeyed even though it seemed dangerous and did not make sense. Was there a time when you felt prompted by God to do something risky or uncomfortable? What happened?

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8. **Ananias didn't get to choose his assignment on who he gets to witness to. What thoughts, challenge or encouragement can we find in the fact that God chooses our assignments?**
9. **What encouragement can you take away from the way Ananias' witnessed to Paul?**
10. **Saul's transformation didn't happen the first time he heard about Jesus (Stephen's martyr), instead it happened in God's timing later. How can this truth affect or motivate the way you think about sharing your faith with others who seem resistant?**

Reflection and Prayer

- 1.) **Reflect on your calendar or bank statement:
What do your time and resources say about your priorities or what you are a witness to? Is there anything Jesus might ask you 'why' about?**