

CONVERTING SAUL

Acts 9:1-31

Guide _____

1. Read **Acts 7:58-8:1**. What is the first thing we know about Saul?

2. Read **Acts 9:1-31**, then number these events in the correct order. After each item, list a verse which gives the information.

- _____ Saul is blinded on the road to Damascus. _____
- _____ Saul preaches about Jesus in the synagogues. _____
- _____ Saul breathes murderous threats against Christians. _____
- _____ Ananias goes to Saul; Saul can see again. _____
- _____ Saul watches the stoning of Stephen. _____
- _____ Saul is blind for three days. _____
- _____ Jesus talks to Saul on the road to Damascus. _____
- _____ Saul escapes from Damascus in a basket. _____
- _____ The Lord talks to Ananias. _____

3. What was God's big challenge for Saul / Paul?

4. What was God's big challenge for Ananias?

5. Read from a Letter Paul wrote, **Galatians 1:11-24**. What kind of person was he before God called him to preach to the Gentiles?

6. What kind of person was he after God called him?

7. Look at the maps of Paul's missionary journeys in the back of your Bible. List ten of the important places he visited.

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8. Read "How To Be Saved (by Grace through Faith, and Not by Your Own Works)," pp. 128-130 in *The Lutheran Handbook*. Fill in the blanks on the left, then match them with the insights from Paul's life on the right.

- A. Get familiar with the word _____ .
- B. Practice letting go _____ .
- C. Lose yourself _____ .
- D. Admit your _____ .
- E. Accept your _____ .
- F. Spend time in _____
to the _____ .
- G. Avoid the temptation _____ .

- _____ Paul is quick to mention when he was weak. He wrote that he was the greatest of sinners.
- _____ God gave Saul forgiveness just because God loved him.
- _____ Paul became completely absorbed in his work of spreading the gospel.
- _____ Paul wrote often that he felt unworthy of God's love but was grateful for the free gift of grace.
- _____ Even when he was in jail for preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, Paul praised God.
- _____ Saul gave up everything to preach the gospel.
- _____ Paul knew Jesus loved him because Jesus came and spoke to him.

THE BIG IDEA — Jesus can make missionaries out of enemies.

9. The other **Big Idea** has to do with GRACE. Can you think of ways God's grace has affected your life?