

Awestruck
Acts 9:1-19
October 17, 2021
Next Steps

OPENING PRAYER:

We, like Saul, are blind. We have been blinded by media, we have been blinded by false prophets, we have been blinded by our education, we have been blinded by our own self-righteousness, we have been blinded because we think we know better than God. God, let there be an Ananias in our lives, who with the fear and trembling of your servant can share with us again the power of the gospel and remove from our eyes that which blinds us. —Based on Acts 9.

BREAKING THE ICE:

- What did you agree or disagree with in the sermon this week?
- Where did you see God this week?
- Share what event/time helped grow your faith.

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

Read Acts 9:1-19.

- What jumps out at you in this scripture?
- What do you know about Saul before his encounter in this chapter? What do you know about Paul?
- With which character do you identify? Saul, his companions or Ananias? Why?
- What does this passage teach you about God? About people?
- Why is it helpful to tell your faith story with others?
- Share a time when you know you were being used by God to minister to another. What did you do?

NEXT STEPS:

- Identify one person in your life who needs Jesus. Pray fervently for them daily until God opens a door to share your story.
- Reach out to someone who needs Jesus, be their Ananias.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Make us worthy, Lord,
to serve our brothers and sisters throughout the world,
who live and die in poverty and hunger.
Give them, through our hands,
this day their daily bread,
and by our understanding love,
give them peace and joy.
Make us, Lord,
worthy to serve our brothers and sisters,
scattered all over the world,
who live and die alone and poor.
Give them today, using our hands, their daily bread.
And, using our love, give them peace and happiness. Amen. (Mother Theresa)