



**Topeka Bible Church**  
**The Life of Paul, Episode 2:**  
**"The Conversion of Paul"**

**Community Group Study Questions**

**Acts 7:58; 9:1-8; 26:10-11 14-15; Galatians 1:13-14**

1. How would you describe the first mention of Paul (or "Saul") in the Scriptures (Acts 7:58)? What is the context? As a character in a play or drama, why do you think Luke introduces us to Paul in this way? What are your first impressions of him?
2. *Acts 26:10-11* and *Galatians 1:13-14* give us some more details about Paul's life and activities before he experienced salvation and became a follower of Jesus Christ. What are some of the things that he did to those who followed Christ?
3. Why did Paul need letters from the high priest for the synagogues (*Acts 9:1-2*)? What might be the significance of Luke's reference to those belonging to "the Way?"
4. Describe what you think Paul must have felt the moment he encountered Jesus Christ (*Acts 9:3-6*). Even though Paul had never personally met Jesus before, why did Christ say that Paul was persecuting Him? How does this communicate Christ's personal connection with His followers? Does this give you boldness?

5. Imagine how you would respond if you had encountered Christ the same way that Paul did. Now think back to when you actually did encounter Christ. Describe the days that followed in your own life. How did your life change? What did you think about that you hadn't thought of before?
  
6. Thinking about Paul's past before Christ and comparing it to how his life ended (in faithful service to the Savior), how does this help you deal with regrets or failures from your own past? Are you able to see God's promise for a blessed future in spite of your past? Why or why not?
  
7. Do you agree that conversion (or salvation) is a "God thing" and a "goad thing?" Why or why not? How might this point give you encouragement for those difficult people whom you'd love to see come to Christ? How might God use you in their lives to "goad" them onto Christ? Are you willing to be used?

**Memory Verses:**

***“Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.” (26:15) And I said, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.’”***  
**(Acts 26:14b-15, NASB)**