

Not Beyond Reach
SAUL'S CONVERSION
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WARM UP

Share a “high” and a “low” from this past week.

COMING UP GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR

Communion Sunday, April 9, 5:00 p.m., FC main gym

Perspectives Thursday, April 13, 7:00 p.m., The Old Bag of Nails, Third Floor Reception Room (24 N. State Street #26, Westerville)

WITNESS

- On your white board, list the names of people in your sphere of influence you're praying will come to know Jesus.
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

PRAY

As a church family we've been seeking God's heart over the last few months to see how He would have each of us contribute to Reaching Beyond. Now that Giving Sunday has come, pray that we would celebrate His work, enjoy harmony, be excited about the next steps in our faith journey together, and renew our commitment to Him.

Saul's Conversion

Saul's religious passion fueled his murderous hate for the followers of Jesus. In his zeal Saul secured permission to arrest believers in Damascus. On his way he personally encountered the risen Christ in a blinding light. God supernaturally stopped Saul in his tracks, gave him a new identity, and redirected his calling.

Saul became Paul, God's chosen instrument to bear witness to the risen Christ before the Gentiles, their kings, and the people of Israel. Paul's calling necessitated that he would suffer greatly for the name of Jesus. That same God still stops people in their tracks, transforms them, and invites them to join in His mission.

DIVE INTO SCRIPTURE

Read these verses and note how they relate to this week's passage.

ACTS 26:1-18

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17

GALATIANS 1:11-24

WEEK 10 QUESTIONS

- 1 One moment Saul was a murderer of Christians. The next moment he was submitted, surrendered, and suffering for Christ. Every conversion is a miracle. Have you encountered Jesus and found new life in Him? How is your life different now and how is it changing?
- 2 Read Acts 9:10-19. Would you have had Ananias' courage to obey God in the face of great personal risk? Who in your life are you tempted to write off as “too far gone” to reach? Pray for them and ask God to give you an opportunity and the courage to share about Jesus.
- 3 Read Matthew 5:43-48. How does your heart toward difficult or antagonistic people need to be conformed to God's heart?

TRUSTING THE GOD OF THE IMPOSSIBLE

- 1 What are modern-day examples of the obstacles God's people faced in this week's passage?
- 2 If you were in this situation, how would you be tempted to respond in ways other than to trust in God's intervention?
- 3 What practical application for your own life do you see in this story? What practical application do you see for our church? If we placed our trust in this kind of God, what would be different about us?