# **ACTS 9:1-31**

#### **BACKGROUND**

In last week's passage, the church in Jerusalem came under heavy persecution from the Jewish religious leaders, primarily led by a Pharisee named Saul. He was intent on destroying the church and went from house to house in Jerusalem, dragging the believers to prison. Meanwhile, the church largely fled to find safety in other parts of the region.

### **PRAY**

## PLEASE READ ACTS 9:1-31

**SHARE OBSERVATIONS** (Who? What? When? Where? Repeating words, phrases, & themes?)

### **QUESTIONS**

- 1. After not eating or drinking for 3 days, Saul decides to get baptized before anything else (v18-19). What does this tell us about what he was thinking and praying about for 3 days?
- 2. What does this passage tell us about how people change? What does this mean for how we think about ourselves and others?
- 3. What can we learn from the examples of Ananias, Barnabas, and the rest of the Christian community in this passage?
- 4. What do you think it looks like practically for a local church community to live in the fear of the Lord and to be encouraged by the Holy Spirit? (v31)
- 5. How does this passage encourage or challenge you?
- 6. How can we pray in response to this passage and for each other?