

# empowered

November 13, 2022 EMPOWERED TRANSFORMATION | Acts 9:1-19 Wade Paton

## S U M M A R Y

This past weekend we continued in our series called "Empowered." We looked at the miraculous transformation that happened when Saul encountered Jesus and how God used a man named Ananias to point Saul to Jesus.

## R E A D

Acts 9:1-19

*Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read.*

## D I S C U S S

- 1) What was it that made Saul so furious about the message of Jesus spreading? Why did he want to destroy the church? (Acts 8:3)
- 2) We looked at the power of three words when Jesus said to Saul on the road, "I am Jesus". Why would those words have had so much impact on Saul?
- 3) Consider the call of Jesus for Ananias to go and pray for Saul. Why was this a difficult assignment for Ananias?
- 4) Why do you think Jesus involved Ananias instead of Jesus just doing the healing himself?
- 5) We talked about how we can begin to think that there are some people that are beyond being transformed by Jesus.

Has this kind of thinking ever crept into your life? In what way?

- 6) What do you sense Jesus saying to you about that?

## R E S P O N D

*Share how the Spirit is inviting you to respond today and the week to come – to **be with** Jesus, to **become like** Jesus, or to **do what** Jesus does.*

We were challenged to pray a prayer together that says, "O God, we long for you. Come, transform us to be Christ-centered, Spirit-empowered, Mission-focused people, multiplying disciples everywhere." What areas of your life do you think Jesus is wanting to transform in order to be more Christ-centered, Spirit-empowered, and Mission-focused?

## P R A Y

*Take some time to wait and pray together. What is Jesus praying for? Come into agreement with His prayers.*

1. Let's pray for God to be transforming us to be more like Jesus in every way.
2. Let's pray for people in our lives who don't yet know Jesus, that they would experience a life-changing encounter with him.

