

The Book of Acts

This Week:

Lesson: The conversion of Saul

Scripture: Acts 9:1-31

Next Week:

Homework Scripture Read: Acts 10

Lesson Text:

Acts 9:1-9	The conversion of Saul
Acts 9:10-19	The ministry of Ananias
Acts 9:20-22	The first 3 years
Galatians 1:17-19	(1-2 ½ years in “Arabia” – region from Damascus to Red Sea)
Acts 9:23-25	
Acts 9:26-27	Paul and the Apostles, and Barnabas (Acts 4:36)
Acts 9:28-30	Paul in Jerusalem
Acts 9:31	Time of peace in Jerusalem and Samaria

Discussion:

- Discuss the spectacular conversion of Paul
- Discuss the fear of the Church of Paul, both in Damascus and Jerusalem
- Discuss the time spent in Arabia
- Discuss reasons for Paul to come to Jerusalem:
 - The Apostles
 - The bulk of the Church
 - Returning to all previous relations
 - Saul had family in Jerusalem (Acts 23:16)
 - Returning from commission
 - On the way to Tarsus
- Note the departure of Paul to Tarsus and then Antioch (Acts 11:19-30) for 10 years before starting his missionary journeys throughout Europe.