

2. Encouragement from \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Acts 9:10-19a. C/R: Galatians 6:2,7-10; Philippians 2:3-4;  
1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 10:24-25)

## ► Outline

*Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."*  
**John 3:3 (NLT)**

### A. Introduction

(Acts 9:1-3. C/R: Acts 22:3-21; 26:4-23)

### B. Elements of New Birth...

(Acts 9:3-31. C/R: John 3:3; Romans 10:9)

#### 1. Encounter with \_\_\_\_\_.

(Acts 9:3-9. C/R: John 3:6-8; Galatians 1:15-16a; Ephesians 2:4-5; Philippians 3:5-9)

3. Engagement in God's \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Acts 9:19b-31. C/R: 1 Corinthians 9:16-17; Ephesians 2:10;  
Colossians 1:24-25; 1 Timothy 1:12-15)

**Answers:** 1. Christ 2. Christians 3. service

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## ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit [brookwoodchurch.org/adults](http://brookwoodchurch.org/adults).

### Conversation Starter

When do you feel most fully alive?

### Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Ask God to help you experience His love and hear His voice as you reflect on this week's lesson.

### Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read [Acts 9:1-6](#).

1. Why was Saul so angry ([vs. 1-2](#))? Have you ever experienced this level of hatred because of your faith? See also: [John 15:18-25; 16:1-3](#).
2. Saul sincerely believed he was serving God before he met Jesus on the road to Damascus. How do you respond to someone who says, *it doesn't matter what you believe as long as you're sincere*?
3. Saul's conversion is described in three places in [Acts: 9:3-9, 22:6-11](#) and [26:12-18](#). What do you learn from each account?

Read [Acts 9:7-19](#).

4. What do you imagine Saul must have been thinking during the three days he was blind and wasn't eating or drinking?
5. What role did Ananias have in Saul's story? Why do you think God arranged for this to happen?
6. What role have others had in your spiritual journey?
7. Why do you think God chose Saul to be His *chosen instrument*?

Read [Acts 9:20-31](#).

8. What life-change do you see in Saul?
9. Do you think some people are beyond God's reach? How does Saul's story challenge those assumptions?
10. What impact would you like to make in someone else's life or in the church this year?

### Digging Deeper

Study the following passages and write down what they teach about new life and new beginnings. What is God saying to you? [Isaiah 43:16-21](#); [Ezekiel 36:24-30](#); [Haggai 2:6-9](#); [2 Corinthians 5:16-21](#); [1 Peter 1:3-6](#); [Revelation 21:1-5](#).

### Spiritual Practice

*[Spiritual Practices are steps we take to allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives. These aren't meant to be one-time actions, but practices that become a natural part of our lives.]*

How is your life different because of Jesus? What are ways you still need God to work in your life? Spend time thanking God for His work in your life. Ask Him for transformation that reveals more of who He is to the people around you. Share what you're learning with a friend or in your group.

### Memory Verse

*He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.*

[Titus 3:5 \(NLT\)](#)

### Daily Reading

Day 1: [John 3:6-8](#)

Day 4: [Galatians 1:17-18](#)

Day 2: [Romans 1:16](#)

Day 5: [1 Corinthians 4:9-13](#)

Day 3: [Romans 12:5-10](#)

### Prepare for Next Sunday

Sunday, November 22, we'll continue the series titled *Church Empowered*. To prepare, read [Acts 9:32-11:30](#).