

Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: Ananias of Damascus:
Listening to God's Calling
Text: Acts 9:1-19

Service Date: August 24, 2025

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- Since your group met last, how have you seen God working?
- Take a moment to read the sermon text (Acts 9:1-19). What stood out to you the most, and why?

Sermon Discussion

- How does the story of the arrested pastor in India mentioned in the sermon impact the way you view your own religious freedom? What emotions or questions does it stir up in you?
- If someone knocked on your door and asked what religion you belong to—knowing the consequences—how would you respond? What do you think gives believers in hostile nations the courage to say, "I'm a Christian"?
- Compare Saul's response to Jesus ("Who are you, Lord?") and Ananias' response ("Yes, Lord"). What does this teach us about the importance of our relationship with God before we are called?
- Why do you think God chose Ananias—a seemingly ordinary believer—for such an extraordinary task? What does that say about how God chooses and uses people today?
- Has there been a time when you felt God nudging you to talk to or serve someone with whom you were reluctant to interact? How did you respond?
- Ananias was afraid of Saul, and understandably so. How do fear and misunderstanding keep us from obeying God's calling today? How can we overcome that?

- Ananias was uniquely positioned—in location, reputation, and readiness—for God's purpose. What unique traits, experiences, or placements in your life might God be wanting to use?
- Who in your life might be your "Saul"- someone who seems unreachable or unworthy, but whom God may be asking you to engage?
- What spiritual habits are you cultivating that help you prepare for God's calling? What areas still need growth?

This Week's Action Response

• The sermon encouraged us to "boldly pray for opportunities where you are." What's one specific prayer you can begin praying this week that will allow you to have more boldness in living out your faith and/or even making an significant impact in someone else's life?