

Sermon Title: When God Speaks- Saying Yes

Sermon Scripture: Acts 9:10-19



## **Sermon Discussion Guide (5/31)**

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

### **Scripture**

Read Acts 9:10-19 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

### **Observation**

In verse 10, how is Ananias introduced? What does this introduction reveal to us about the kinds of people God desires to use?

How does Ananias first respond to hearing God call out to him in the second part of verse 10? How does Ananias's response contrast with that of Samuel (1 Samuel 3:1-10)? What does it reveal to us about Ananias and his faith that he quickly recognized who was calling out to him?

How does Ananias initially respond to hearing God's instructions in verses 13-14, and what concerns does Ananias voice? How does the way Ananias sees Saul in verses 13-14 contrast with the way God sees Saul in verses 15-16?

Read John 14:15. What does this verse reveal to us about the relationship between love and obedience? What does it reveal to us about the life of a disciple?

## **Application**

In Pastor Kenny's sermon, he said that obedience doesn't just change circumstances. Obedience changes us. In your life, when has there been a time when you were obedient to God, even though it was hard to do so? How did God work to change and transform you through your obedience to Him?

Sometimes we celebrate stories of faithfulness in others while resisting God's calling in our own lives. Why is it often easier to admire obedience in others than to practice it ourselves?

Why do you think you are prone to desire safety and comfort over obedience and trust? How is God calling you to surrender these desires for safety and comfort to Him so that you can more fully live in obedience and trust to God?

What yes is God waiting on from you? What is one step of obedience you will take this week to begin to live out this yes?

## **Prayer**

"Lord, what yes are You waiting for from me?"