

LIFE Group Discussion Guide
Sunday, February 21, 2010

Sermon Title: Saul (Paul)
Sermon Series: On Your Mark
Sermon Text: Acts 9:1-19

Open

1. Share one way that God worked in your life last week. [**Leader's Note:** You will notice this question as the opening question each week in order to facilitate the sharing of faith stories and to train people to be looking for ways that God is working in their lives. This can be a very positive experience for your group.]
2. Other than weddings and births, share one significant moment in your life and why it was significant to you.

Dig

1. Tonight we're going to look at a significant moment in the Apostle Paul's life in Acts 9:1-19 (read that passage).
2. What stands out to you about this story?
3. Why do you think Jesus blinded Saul and left him blind for three days?
4. In the sermon, Rusty said that sometimes God uses our pain to position us to do His will. Do you agree or disagree with that statement? Why?
5. Can you share an experience when God used your pain to position you?
6. Let's read a few verses that talk about suffering: Job 36:15; Romans 5:3-5; James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 4:12-13.
7. Based on those scriptures, how would you describe God's view of suffering? How does that view differ from our human view of suffering?
8. God sees opportunity for growth in pain and suffering. How good are you at seeing opportunity in your difficulties?
9. Going back to Acts 9, what role do you think baptism played in positioning Saul to do the will of God? [**Leader's Note:** Read Romans 6:1-14 to answer this question using Paul's own words.]

Reflect

1. What was your "road to Damascus moment" – that moment when you decided that Jesus was the Son of God and that you wanted to live your life for Him?
2. Think about the current challenges in your life. What lessons might God be trying to teach you through those challenges?
3. Prayer.