

August 16, 2026 - **Small Group Questions**

When Jesus Call Your Name

Acts 9:1-18

This Sunday we continued a sermon series entitled “*Empowered to Bear Witness to Jesus’ Kingdom.*” This series focuses on how the risen and ascended Jesus empowers his disciples for mission through the gift of the outpoured Holy Spirit.

Small Group Questions

1. **Read Acts 9:1-9. As Saul is on his way to persecute Jesus’ disciples, Jesus meets him on the road. What does this encounter reveal about the character of Jesus and the nature of God's grace? What do you notice about the way Jesus approaches and encounters Saul?**
2. **Read Acts 9:10–19. Compare and contrast the experiences of Saul and Ananias. What is Jesus asking each of them to do? How does he invite them to trust him? How does this part of the story deepen our understanding of what it means to receive and to extend the grace of Jesus?**
3. **Throughout the chapter, Saul's relationships are radically reordered. What changes do you observe in Saul's relationship with:**
 - a. **God?**
 - b. **Christian community?**
 - c. **his purpose in life?**

Which of these transformations seems most significant to you, and why?

4. **Notice the contrast between Saul before and after his encounter with Jesus (Acts 9:1–22). What has changed in Saul’s identity, desires, actions, and relationships? Which changes seem to be the result of something Saul has done, and which seem to be the result of what Jesus has done for Saul?**
5. **On Sunday we considered the different dimensions of grace that broke into Saul’s life. Are there ways in which you have experienced the grace of the cross in your life? Are there ways you’ve experience the grace of resurrection? Take some time to share as a group?**
6. **Has Jesus ever used you to be an agent of grace in the life of another? How does this passage encourage or challenge you as you think about Jesus’ invitation to participate in his mission?**

Close in prayer