

What Change Do You Want?

Acts 9:1-19 (NIV)

I. Who are you Lord?

“Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked.

Acts 9:5 (NIV)

- God means _____ to me
- We want the conversion, without the work of change

“... ‘I am the light of the world.’”

John 9:5b (NIV)

“... ‘I am the resurrection and the life.’”

John 11:25 (NIV)

“...‘I am the way and the truth and the life.’”

John 14:6 (NIV)

“I am the vine, and you are the branches.”

John 15:5 (NIV)

We have Community Groups throughout the Denver Metro Area. You can find a listing of these groups online at www.fbc.org. Simply scroll over “Ministries” and then click on “Community Groups.” For more information or questions, please contact Ceely Ann Lonergan at 303.424.2121, ext. 92407 or ceelyann.lonergan@fbc.org.

**Please feel free to come down to the front
for prayer after service.**

“...pray for one another...”

James 5:16

II. Three Seasons of Change

1. The Saul Season

“As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.”

Acts 9:3 (NIV)

- This is the season where we distrust God, and want him to do the miraculous change

- We want an encounter with God, but often run from it because of the attention it might bring
- We expect God to make the change

2. The Onlooker Season

“The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone.” Acts 9:7 (NIV)

“... So they lead him by hand into Damascus.” Acts 9:8b (NIV)

We see the change happen to someone, and two things can happen

- We are encouraged, and look for more works of God

“...we were encouraged about you because of your faith.” 1 Thessalonians 3:7b (NIV)

- We become bitter, and ask why God has not done that for me

3. The Ananias Season

“In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, ‘Ananias!’ ‘Yes, Lord,’ he answered.” Acts 9:10 (NIV)

- We need to answer the voice of the Lord

- We have to pray over our own eyes and have the scales removed

“Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and he was baptized, ...” Acts 9:18 (NIV)

4. The Season for 2012

“Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings, ...” Acts 9:15 (NIV)

- Time for action!

“Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit’” Acts 9:17(NIV)