

Understand your Bible

Suggested notes

Acts 9

What we will see in this chapter:

- The conversion of Saul
- Saul's introduction to the early church
- Peter heals a paralysed man

1 Read the chapter

2 Questions to help us in our understanding of this chapter. Look at the chapter verses in your Bible and use the questions to help you make your notes.

Chapter verses	Questions (to help with your notes)	Suggested notes
1 to 3	1. What was Saul intent on doing and what stopped him?	He wanted to bring all believers in the synagogues of Damascus to Jerusalem in bonds. He saw a bright light.
4 to 9	2. What happened to Saul after he was stopped?	He fell to the ground, and Jesus asked him why he was persecuting him. He was then told to go into Damascus and await instructions. He was blind and didn't eat and drink anything for three days.
10 to 12	3. What was Ananias told to do?	He was told where to find Saul, and that he was to lay his hands on him to enable him to see again.
13 to 16	4. What was Ananias' response and what did the Lord say?	Ananias reminded the Lord of Saul's intentions for the believers. The Lord told Ananias that he had chosen Saul to preach to many people and nations, and that he would suffer in doing it.
17 to 22	5. What did Ananias tell Saul and what did Saul then do?	He told Saul that he had been sent to restore his sight, and that he would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Saul was then baptised and began to preach.
23 to 25	6. What was the Jews' reaction to Saul's conversion and what did he do?	The Jews wanted to kill him. He then went to Jerusalem.
26 to 31	7. What was the reaction of the believers in Jerusalem and what did Barnabas do about it?	The disciples didn't believe that Saul had become a disciple. Barnabas told them about his conversion and how boldly he had been preaching.

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32 to 35	8. What was Aeneas' problem and who did Peter say would heal him?	Aeneas had been bedridden for eight years. Peter said Jesus Christ would heal him.
36 & 37	9. What are we told about Tabitha and what happened to her?	Tabitha was a woman who did many good works and acts of mercy. She became sick and died.
38	10. How did the believers respond to her death?	They sent for Peter as he was nearby.
39 to 43	11. What did Peter do?	He came and sent the mourners away. He then raised Tabitha to life again.

3 Related theme from v 34: *The significance of Jesus' name.*

Have a look at these related verses and see this theme running through the Bible. Make a note of the main point(s) in the verse(s).

Verse(s)	Main point(s)
Acts 2 v 38	The apostle Peter says that sins can be forgiven by baptism into Jesus' "name".
Acts 3 v 6 and 7, 4 v 10	People receive healing through the "name of Jesus Christ".
Acts 8 v 12	The message that Philip teaches involves the things concerning the "name of Jesus Christ".
Acts 26 v 9	When describing how he persecuted believers before his conversion, Paul says he was at that time acting against the "name of Jesus".
1 Corinthians 1 v 2	Paul says that believers call on the "name of Jesus Christ".
Philippians 2 v 9 to 11	Ultimately everything will acknowledge all that the "name of Jesus" stands for.