



If you were to vote for the person “most likely never to become a Christian” whom would you choose? Why? If you had lived in the 1st century, you probably would have chosen Saul of Tarsus—and you wouldn’t have been alone.

In the passage you will read the powerful story of a very unlikely convert.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read [Acts 9:1-22](#). Jot down 1 or 2 new thoughts that seem important. Why are they important?
2. What does the Lord tell Ananias to do? How does Ananias respond? Thinking of the person you chose as the “most unlikely Christian,” what would you do if Jesus came to you in a vision telling you to confront this person?
3. Put yourself in Ananias’s place and imagine what he was feeling in this passage. We’re not all public preachers like Paul, but we are called to be witnesses and encouragers like Ananias. To whom in your sphere of influence can you be an “Ananias?”
4. In [verse 15](#), Jesus responds to Ananias’s fear and objections by commanding him to go and by sharing his plans for Saul’s life. What is the Lord’s plan for Saul’s life?
5. What happens in [verses 17–20](#) as Ananias is obedient to Jesus’ call? How does Saul respond? What might this tell us about facing someone we don’t want to talk to but whom we feel God wants us to talk to?
6. In [verses 21–22](#) what are the words used to describe people’s response to the message (Jesus is the Son of God, the Christ) and the messenger (Saul)? How is Saul’s life transformed?
7. Look back through the whole passage. Who has the power in this passage and who is reacting to that power?
 - a. While most conversions are not as dramatic as Paul’s, how was yours similar? How did Jesus show Himself to you?
 - b. Was there an “Ananias” in your life?

MOVING FORWARD

Think again of your choice for “the most unlikely Christian.” From this passage, what have you learned that speaks to your doubts about their becoming a believer? Take a few minutes as a group to pray for the people you mentioned. Ask God to use you as their Ananias and to open a door of opportunity for you to share Jesus.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

“²² But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.”

[Acts 9:22](#)