



Today's Topic:

Saul and the People of Damascus

Acts 9:19b-25

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1. A New _____

"Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God." Acts 9:19b-20 (NIV, 2011)

"All those who heard him were astonished and asked, 'Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?' Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah."

Acts 9:21-22 (NIV, 2011)

2. A New _____

"After many days had gone by, there was a conspiracy among the Jews to kill him, but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him." Acts 9:23-24 (NIV, 2011)

3. A New _____

"But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall." Acts 9:25 (NIV, 2011)

The Point:

Next Steps:

What _____ ?

Discussion Questions:

1. Describe someone you know who has truly changed. What evidence demonstrated that they had truly changed?
2. How did Paul convince the Jesus-followers in Damascus that he had truly changed?
3. Why did Paul's new faith trigger plans to have him killed?
4. What prompted other Jesus-followers to now help the man who was previously their enemy?
5. What truth from this study will you think about and try to apply throughout the week?