

Who's Ready for Jesus' Invitation

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Acts 9:1-20

I. Who's Ready To Receive Jesus' Invitation?

³As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

1. They are someone God is already working on.

⁵"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

2. They are someone who is searching for real answers.

⁸Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

3. They are someone who realizes their need.

II. What Does That Person Need From You?

¹³"Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁵But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel."

1. They need you to overcome your fear of approaching them.

¹⁷Then 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..."

2. They need you to help them gain spiritual sight.

^{17b}He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

3. They need you to resist trying to fix them yourself.

^{19b}Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus.

4. They need the support of others in God's Family.

²⁰At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.

5. They need the opportunity to use their gifts.