



Hill Cliffe Study Guide
Sunday 19th September 2021

Please read Acts 9.26-30 – where Saul is the 'he' in v26.

Saul's life has been changed by encountering Jesus on the road to Damascus – and from then-onwards he will have to learn to cope with almost constant change in his life. Some of the change he will choose for himself, or he will respond to God's choosing for him. But for a lot of the change in his life, like here in this passage, he will not choose – in fact, it will be forced on him by others or by circumstance.

1. What do you think Saul might have been thinking and feeling about what happened to him in this passage?
2. How might Saul have reacted to, and handled, being sent home to Tarsus?

In the meantime - whilst Saul is still in Tarsus...

Please read Acts 11. 19-23

3. What kind of things do you associate with the idea of 'remaining true' - say in the contexts of a marriage; or a football team; or a shopping brand; or something else?
4. What do you think it means to 'remain true to the Lord with all your heart' (please also read Mark 12.29-31)?
5. How have you been tempted during the pandemic to cling on to something else; or fix your mind on something else; or prioritize something else, in search for a sense of peace and purpose?

Please read Philippians 4. 5.-9

6. How does this passage help us with loving the Lord our God with all our heart (v5); with all our soul (v6-7); with all our mind (v8); and with all our strength (v9)?

Please read Acts 11. 23-26

7. What do you think about how Barnabas and Saul respond to this changing situation?

Please read Acts 11. 27-30

8. How does this inspire you in connection with your listening to the Spirit's leading and the prophetic word? And to your response to the second greatest command of God?