

The Damascus Road

What is a dangerous road or path near the place where you live?

Read Acts 9:1-18.

1. Why was Saul so active in persecuting Christ's followers?
 - A. He was an energetic, promising candidate for Jewish leadership.
 - B. God was using him.
 - C. Satan was using him.
 - D. The Jewish leaders were using him.
 - E. He perceived Christ's followers had left the true faith of Judaism.
 - F. The stoning of Stephen haunted Saul.
 - G. He needed to stop Christ's followers from deceiving Jews to join them.
 - H. He was getting paid a lot of money privately to eliminate Christians.
 - I. Other.

2. What happened to Saul on the road to Damascus?
 - A. God knocked Saul off his high horse.
 - B. Saul received a vision.
 - C. Jesus spoke to Saul out loud, and others heard it too.
 - D. Just a minor hiccup.
 - E. Saul went blind.
 - F. A change in perspective.
 - G. An immediate stop to Saul's persecuting actions.
 - H. It made Saul even more aggressive.
 - I. Other.

3. If you had been in Saul's group, how would you have responded?
 - A. This would totally freak me out!
 - B. I would be at a complete loss to know what to do next.
 - C. I'd look to Saul and follow him.
 - D. I'd quit being associated with Saul.
 - E. I'd start looking for the source of the voice.
 - F. Maybe God wants me to take over the job of persecuting Christians.
 - G. I'd record it and post it immediately on social media.
 - H. I'd start following Jesus.
 - I. Other.

4. If you had been Ananias, what would be your response to God's vision?
 - A. You can't be serious!
 - B. Sure; no problem.
 - C. Isn't this the guy who came to Damascus to persecute me/us?
 - D. God has done another miracle!
 - E. God, please choose someone besides me to do that.
 - F. This sounds like God's voice, but I don't think it's God's message.
 - G. This is the very thing we prayed about at our last prayer meeting.
 - H. Other.

5. For what has God chosen you (compare vs. 15)?
 - A. Nothing.
 - B. I don't know.
 - C. I have to be older or more _____ before God would choose me.
 - D. To take the message of Jesus to the Gentiles.
 - E. To take the message of Jesus to my friends.
 - F. To take the message of Jesus to my family.
 - G. To take the message of Jesus to my church.
 - H. Other.

6. What happened to Saul when Ananias came to him?
 - A. Saul had his people arrest Ananias for being a Christ-follower.
 - B. Ananias laid hands on Saul.
 - C. Ananias stated his authority and purpose.
 - D. Ananias prayed for Saul.
 - E. The Holy Spirit filled Saul.
 - F. Saul spoke in tongues.
 - G. Saul could see once again.
 - H. Saul got baptized as a Christ-follower.
 - I. Other.

7. Who is someone you would never expect to become a follower of Jesus because that would require a major miracle?

8. How important is a "Damascus Road" experience for followers of Jesus?