



The 168 Hour Work Week

Acts 9:1-19

Series: Acts, #10

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Theme: **Christ constantly works to accomplish His purposes.**

Christ transforms a troublemaker.

1. Saul the troublemaker. (1-2; see also 8:1, 3; 22:4-5; 26:10-11)
2. Christ stops Saul in his tracks. (3-9; cf. 22:6-7; 26:12-14)
3. Christ transforms Saul. (17-19)

Christ uses ordinary people.

1. Ananias — the ordinary man. (10-18; see also 22:13-16)
2. Ananias — an extraordinary task. (10-18; see also 22:13-16)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Read Acts 9:1-19, the section about Saul's conversion. As you know from Sunday, we focused on Christ's constant work in these events. Review any notes you took as well as the record of the church beginning in chapter 2, listing evidences of Christ's ongoing, constant work. Thank Him for His work.

Tuesday. Review your list from yesterday. Look at the last week and make another list, this one of examples of Christ at work in your life and in the world. How should this reality affect anxious or fearful thoughts you have? Thank God that He is faithfully at work, accomplishing His purposes and that as you are faithful to Him, you do not have to be unsettled.

Wednesday. Review Saul's conversion today—his *career* as a trouble maker, how God stopped him in his tracks and transformed him (check the references on the outline). God still transforms people today (He transformed you!). Do you get discouraged at the lack of response to Christ from family members and friends? Keep praying, keep witnessing! God is constantly at work.

Thursday. Focus on Ananias today. He was an ordinary man to whom God gave an extraordinary task (9:10-18). What are your impressions of him? God still uses ordinary people like us to accomplish extraordinary tasks. You never know at what moment, in what seemingly insignificant opportunity God may work through you to accomplish something wonderful. Be alert and available.

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at 9:19-30. Read and think through this section in preparation for our time together.