

**Lesson One (January 3, 2016)**  
**Introduction to class, to Saul and to Saul's conversion**

**Introductory thoughts:**

- Who should participate?
- How to handle different views?
- Verse by verse in Acts -- small portion in study of books
- Always be things left unsaid and we will stay on schedule
- Always make it practical for us today
- Lesson sheets in the back

**Questions:**

1. Why study Saul/Paul?
2. How many books did he write?
3. What was his "mission"?
4. What was his background before the Road to Damascus?
5. What happened on the Road to Damascus?
6. Saul's actual conversion:
  - a. Was he a sinner?

- b. Did he pray?
  - c. So would this be a/the “sinner’s prayer”?
  - d. Did the “sinner’s prayer” wash away his sins?
  - e. How did he wash away his sins (Acts 22:16)?
7. What happened to Saul shortly after his conversion:
- a. How quickly did he preach (Acts 9:19-22)?
  - b. How did the jews react to his preaching (Acts 9:23-25)?
  - c. How did the christians react to his preaching (Acts 9:26-27)?
  - d. What happened in Acts 9:28-30?
  - e. Where did he stay for a year per Acts 11:25-26?
  - f. What did Barnabas and Saul do in Acts 11:27-30?
  - g. In Acts 12:25 who joins Barnabas and Saul?
8. Was Saul a real apostle?
- a. 2 Cor 11:5
  - b. 2 Cor 12:11
  - c. 2 Cor 12:1-7
  - d. Gal 1:11-12
9. Practical lessons for us
- a. Was Saul a “good” prospect?
    - i. Yes because....
    - ii. No because....
  - b. What do we do with our pride when we realize we are against God?
  - c. Do our friends/family always understand when we make a transformation?

- d. Does God have to only use the perfect to carry out His work?
- e. What do we learn about looking at all passages when we study conversion of Saul?
- f. What do we learn about how we treat “bad” folks who convert?

**Your questions, comments, and thoughts?**

**What are the practical lessons for you today?**