THE PASTOR'S *ESSENTIALS*©

OUR LIVES IN THE BIBLE - THE BIBLE IN OUR LIVES

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MATTHEW 7:13-14

es-sen-tials (ĭ-sĕn'shəlz) – *noun* – those things that are necessary and basic to life. In biochemistry essentials are substances that are required for normal functioning but cannot be synthesized by the body and therefore must be included in the diet. Essentials are those things that are fundamental to the spiritual health of the professing Christian.

Acts of the Apostles

A BIBLE STUDY

SESSION SEVEN

Acts 9:1-31

Questions for Session Seven

1. This fledgling Christian movement has continued to blossom during the widespread persecution. What has Saul been up to (vv. 1-2)? What did Saul request from the high priest to further his persecution of the Christians?

2. Assuming he had the official letters regarding those persons, who were worshiping at the synagogues in Damascus, what did Saul encounter along the way? Explain.

3. How did his fellow travelers react to Christ's presence during Saul's divine encounter? How did they treat Saul afterward? Were they eyewitnesses to this event?

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4. What was Saul instructed to do? Where was Saul instructed to go? Saul would encounter someone else. What was his name?

5. How had God prepared Ananias for his encounter with Saul at Damascus? What was Ananias's initial response? Was Ananias eager to face Saul, since he was already aware of Saul's reputation as a persecutor of the Christians?

6. What did the LORD specifically tell Ananias (vv. 15-16) about how he would use Saul to further Jesus' work? What did Ananias do to fulfill the LORD'S will?

7. What did Saul do after he regained his health, and how had the tables turned on him with respect to his previous occupation? Was his ministry to last in Damascus?

8. How was Saul received by the disciples in Jerusalem? Explain what happened to him there. Where was he sent next? Who helped him?

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