- How does a person like Barnabus help heal wounds in a church group? See Acts 9:20-31.
- Paul goes through a conversion in Acts 9. How you ever shared your conversion story with others? Why or why not? What would help you share it more often?

## **Influencing Our World**

- Read 1 Peter 2:9. How does it describe those who follow Jesus? What do you think our response should be to the truths in this verse?
- In what ways do we sometimes hold back in doing what God wants?
- Paul needed some help to be welcomed into the Christian community. What can we do make our church more welcoming to guests? What role can you play in increasing our hospitality?

**Deepening Our Hearts for God:** Read Romans 12:1-2. What do these verses teach us about God's heart and hope for His followers?

**Looking Ahead:** Read Acts 9:32-10:48. Who were the people that God used to do His work in these verses? How were their perspectives of God and serving Him changed?



## **Deck Discussion Questions**

Striving to Know God and His People Better

**Coming Together:** What are some of the common objections to people following Jesus? When someone says "I am a changed person!" How do you know? What do you look for in evidence that someone's life has changed?

## **Growing in Our Understanding**

- Read Acts 9:1-31. Underline anything that stands out to you.
- What are two different terms Luke uses in Acts 9:1-2 to refer to Christians? How does John 14:6 help us understand one of those terms?
- From these verses, how you answer the following:
  - What was Paul life like before he met Jesus?
  - What stood out to you about how Paul met Jesus?
  - What changes in Paul's life after he met Jesus?

## **Unwrapping God's Principles**

• In Acts 9, who mistrusted Saul? Who seemed to trust Him? What evidence was there are both sides of the issue of trust?