

Introduction: How do you get involved?

Three important things we can learn from Acts Chapter 9:

1. New Believers Participate in the Church without excuses.

“...and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” All who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?” Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.” Acts 9:20-22 NRSV



Credit: Sweet Publishing / FreeBibleimages.org.

2. New believers and new witnesses should be prepared to face opposition and rejection (9:21).

The Jews were dumbfounded at first when Paul began proclaiming Jesus as the Son of God (9:21). They wondered if it was a case of mistaken identity! But when he continued after he returned from Arabia, their patience grew thin & they sought to kill him.

3. Mature believers should be quick to come alongside younger believers, to encourage and accept their efforts in ministry.

“Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord’s brother.” Galatians 1:18-19 NRSV

Conclusion: Apostle Paul was not a special case. God wants all of us, who have been saved by Jesus Christ, to serve Him in whatever situations we find ourselves in. If God has saved you, He wants you to participate in ministry in some ways.