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Holy Spirit & Witness

Campus Edition

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Teaching: 30 minutes

- Why do we need to partner with the Holy Spirit in our witness on campus?
- What can we learn from Paul's and Ananias' story about ways to partner with the Holy Spirit in our witness?

Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

John 3:5-8 (NIV)

As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied.

"Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

Acts 9:3-6 (NIV)

In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord," he answered.

The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

Acts 9:10-12 (NIV)

“Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.”

But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentile and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

Acts 9:13-16 (NIV)

Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus.

Acts 9:17-19 (NIV)

Acts 9: summary

- God speaks to skeptics and seekers
- God speaks to us about our friends who don't yet know Jesus
- Pray with our friends — especially skeptics and seekers — so they can know Jesus

Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:31 (NIV)

Prayer Ministry: 30 minutes

- A listening prayer exercise
- A time to pray for the reception and empowerment of spiritual gifts

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