

# CONVERSATION STARTERS

## SOUTHRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

January 19, 2025 | Acts: The Story of...

### EAT TOGETHER | *Showing up regularly to share life and build relationships*

1. As an expression of belonging, contribution, and commitment together as a church family, we invite you and your group to reflect on and affirm your [Church Membership](#) at Southridge for 2025. Our Annual General Meeting of church members will be held on Tuesday, February 25th.
2. Catch up as a group by sharing one highlight and/or one challenge from this past week.
3. What's the most dramatic story of change you've ever heard or seen in someone's life?

### PRAY TOGETHER | *Joining in on conversations of life and faith*

1. What stood out to you in [this week's service](#)? Was there a song that spoke to you? Was there a moment when you sensed God's presence? Did you meet someone new? What did you learn? Feel free to watch the [message recap](#) to review the big ideas of this week's message.
2. Read and reflect on the story of Saul in [Acts 9:1-31](#) together as a group. What details of this story do you find most interesting? What parts do you find most hard to believe or understand? Is there anything in this story that feels like it connects with or reminds you of your own story?
3. Reflect on [verses 15-16](#). What surprises you about Jesus choosing Saul as his "instrument" of the good news? On the other hand, what about Saul's story may have made him the perfect choice?
4. Re-read [Acts 9:17](#). What do you think was significant about the role that Ananias played in helping Saul know and experience the good news and love of Jesus? If you can try to put yourself in Ananias' shoes in this story, how do you think you would've reacted to Saul?
5. Re-read [Acts 9:20-22](#). What made Saul's story and the changes in his life so compelling? How might this have played a role in his effectiveness in sharing the good news about Jesus?

### LOVE TOGETHER | *Being real to care and make a difference*

1. In the story of Saul, we see that **the message of Jesus changes everything** and **the mission of Jesus chooses everyone**. What might the message of Jesus be wanting to change in your life? Regardless of your past, how might Jesus be inviting you to share in his mission?
2. Close by sharing encouragements with each other about what you see Jesus changing or choosing in one another. Consider going around the group to intentionally take turns sharing these encouragements.