Blinded by the Light
Acts 9:1–19

"This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine…"

Into the Lesson:

Some thoughts on light:

Light travels approximately 186,000 miles per second-

Light from the sun takes about eight minutes to reach the earth-

"Then God said, Let there be light; and there was light." Genesis 1:3-

More than 1,000 billion photons of light strike a tip of a needle every second (unless it is tucked quite deep in a haystack).

Light has momentum.

"The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it." John 1:5-
(Perimeter Institute and National Geographic Kids)

Bonus Points: Who wrote "Blinded by the Light" and who later recorded it for a Top 100 Billboard hit?

Into the Word:

As you reread Acts 9:1-19, make note of the individuals and groups that are mentioned and their state of mind:

Saul-
His fellow travelers-
Ananias-

What impact might Acts 7:55-56 have had on Saul as he was still "breathing threats" (v.9)?

From Lon's sermon, commentaries and Bible footnotes, what do we know of the response by Sauls travelling companions?
See also Acts 22:9-

Is it possible that Ananias' response, if in modern vernacular, could have been, "Say What"?

Respond to Lon's quote concerning Saul, "his experience was spectacular, but ORDINARY.

And how does this fit with his earlier remark, "Every miracle illustrates a truth"?

Try to describe what Saul may have been experiencing as he was, moments before, in total control of his life to hear Acts 9:6.

How hard would it have been for Saul as he mentally ran through his personal resume (Philippians 3:5) to realize "none of it fits"?

How hard would it have been for the The Way to adjust from fearing the persecutor to helping the persecuted (Acts 9:23-25)?

Into Life:

Take some time to revisit your own conversion experience:
For some its, "Ive never NOT known about Jesus"-
For others it may have been a life altering experience-

Have you ever had a chance to share that with someone else?
What "Fine tuning" needs to take place in your life to earn an audience with someone who needs to hear about Jesus?

What needs to change in your personal prayer and study time to better equip yourself for sharing the hope that the world is desperately seeking?

How will "…yielding to Jesus affect the way we think and act"?

Philippians 3:7–8 *7 But everything that was a gain to me, I have considered to be a loss because of Christ. 8 More than that, I also consider everything to be a loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Because of him I have suffered the loss of all things and consider them as dung, so that I may gain Christ*

This Week's Songs:

Behold Our God (Hymn #14)
He Reigns (Though Troubles Assail) (Valley Original)
Before The Throne Of God Above (Hymn #121)
When I Survey The Wondrous Cross (Hymn #818)
How Great Is The Greatness Of God (Hymn #586)