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Community Group Discussion Question

Icebreaker: After a brief description of BLESS ask, "Who did you BLESS this past week?"

Have someone read: Acts 9:15-16; 19b-31

Choose 2-3 questions to ask...

General knowledge questions:

- What is God doing in this passage?
- What does that communicate about his desire?
- How would you describe Paul?
- How did Barnabas help Paul?

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Application questions:

Paul's call to follow and serve Jesus was very clear and there were people around him to help confirm and clarify his calling.

- How have others come along side you to help confirm and clarify your call to follow and serve Jesus?
- How do you help others to confirm and clarify their call to follow Jesus?

Paul's calling to follow and serve Jesus is quickly opposed with suffering, threats, and delays.

- How do you relate to the opposition that Paul faced?
- How do you usually interpret opposition?
 - Does it ultimately weaken you, or strengthen you?
- How did you experience God's presence in the midst of these difficulties?
- How has opposition caused you to want to give up?
 - What encourages you to not quit?

Even though Paul was getting a lot of pushback and opposition to following and serving Jesus, he did not give up in sharing the gospel with others.

- Who have you been BLESSing that you feel like giving up on?
- What is the next step of BLESSing that you need to take with that person?
- How can we encourage and strengthen you to take that step?

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Let's pray for one another:

Thank anyone who has crossed the line of shame

Pray for those that you plan on BLESSing this week

Pray for those who are currently experiencing opposition in their call to follow Jesus

Pray for those who are discouraged and feel like giving up