

Bridges

Week 3: What's at Stake

CCV Groups Discussion Guide

Opening Question:

We've been challenged these last three weeks to invite people to church for Christmas. Who have we followed up with and actually invited? Who do you have left to invite that you haven't yet?

Groups [Video Guide](#)

Read it again:

- [Acts 9:1-19](#)

Discuss:

- Share with the group how you came to faith. Who invited you or led you to follow Jesus with them?
- 95% of all Christians never lead another person to Jesus. Why do you think that is?
- From your reading of Acts 9:10–19, what were the barriers Ananias had in sharing his faith with Saul/Paul?
- Imagine Ananias walked into the room right now. What might he say to the group about the importance of sharing your faith.

Prayer:

Pray [Matthew 9:37–38](#). (I know we did this last week, but we still have some work to do.)

Scriptures:

- **1 Peter 3:15**, "But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."
- **Mark 5:19**, "And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."
- **Acts 1:8**, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
- **Revelation 12:11**, "And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death."
- **2 Timothy 1:8**, "Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God."
- **Romans 10:14**, "How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?"
- **Psalms 119:46**, "I will also speak of your testimonies before kings and shall not be put to shame."
- **Matthew 10:32–33**, "So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."