

## **The Acts of the Holy Spirit**

### **Acts 9:23-43**

In Acts 9:23-25, a few things stand out: first of all, like Stephen and like Jesus before that, Saul finds himself the object of plots. Second, Saul already has his own disciples. What's the relationship, in Acts, between being a disciple of Jesus and being a disciple of Saul?

When Saul reaches Jerusalem, what is the process by which he comes to associate openly with the disciples? In what way does Saul continue the mission and the danger of Stephen in this passage, and how does his career swerve from Stephen's?

Acts 9:31 is one of the shorter summary passages. What important things does it relate about the larger Church during the ministries of Philip and Saul?

Acts 9:32-43 follow Peter in the period leading up to the conversion of Cornelius, the first ethnic Roman who becomes a Christ-follower. (The word "Christian" emerges later in the book.) When Peter heals the dead Dorcas, what pun on an Aramaic word appears in the text? What other echoes of Jesus's ministry can you hear in the two healing stories?