

Deeply Rooted Week 4:

Blinded by the Light

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

Video Lesson:

<https://vimeo.com/607070583>

Our Prayer:

Lord Jesus, just as You led Saul to a transformed life, may Your spirit be known in our hearts and minds so that Your light might shine through our lives and into the world.

Memorable Quotes:

“Your calling is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”

— Frederick Buechner, *The Hungering Dark*

“We are not called to save the world, solve all problems, and help all people. But each of us has our own unique call, in our families, in our work, in our world.” — Henri Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey*

Questions for Reflection:

- What is one adjective you would use to describe yourself? Why?
- Have you ever taken a personality or strengths test? If so, what in the results resonated with your experience? If not, what personality trait stands out the most in your life?
- What challenge in the world breaks your heart and you believe breaks the heart of God?
- How might you/God use your gifts for the good of the world?

Practices to Adopt:

- Reread [Acts 9](#), and read [1 Samuel chapter 3](#).
- Pray this week’s prayer (above).
- If you haven’t already done so, take a strengths test, such as [CliftonStrengths](#), the [Signature Strength Questionnaire](#), the [High5](#) test, or [another](#), such as the [Enneagram](#) test. (If test cost is a financial hardship, please reach out to Pastor Jake for financial assistance.)
- Spend some time in silence this week, even for a short time. Listen for the stirrings of God.

Resources to Go Deeper:

Bible Project ([Shema “Listen”](#) video or [“Listen”](#) podcast)

NOOMA #11 [“Rhythm”](#) and NOOMA #23 [“Corner”](#), Rob Bell

[StrengthsFinder 2.0](#), by Tom Rath (purchase of new book includes code for Gallup strengths assessment)

[The Way of the Heart](#), by Henri Nouwen