

Acts 1-10: God's Blueprint for Ministry in the Church
The Importance of Ministry to One
Acts 9:1-31 (page 763)

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Being engaged in the mission of the Church means
I need to remember...

- That no one is beyond God's grace (9:1-9)
 - God is able to break every barrier to His grace, including:
 - √ The barrier of religion
 - √ The barrier of education
 - √ The barrier of self-righteousness
 - √ The barrier of pride
- That new believers need personal care (9:10-19)
 - It requires obedience (vs 10-16)
 - It means getting personal (v 17a)
 - It involves relationship (v 17b)
- That God is in process of changing people (9:20-26)
 - It requires my acceptance (v 19b)
 - It requires my patience (20-21)
 - It requires my protection (v 22-25)
- That encouraging others can make a big impact (9:27-31)
 - It requires affirmation (v 27)
 - It requires believing in them (v 27b)
 - It requires serving with them (vs 28-30)

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Thinking it through...

Who do you know that you consider beyond God's reach? Do you still think about them as you did after chapter 9?

Have you come around other believers and gotten up close to provide personal care to help them? Why or why not?

Why do you think God used Ananias and Barnabas to welcome Paul into the church instead of one of the apostles?

In light of the previous question, why do you think God wants you to be involved in caring for others in the church and encouraging them?

What can you begin to do this week to start?