

# “Crossing Town”

We are offering a series of reflections for individuals and churches who may be finding it difficult to provide midweek prayer and shared learning from Scripture. You can use these by watching the YouTube video, reading the relevant Bible passage and then reflecting on the questions below. To help make this a shared activity, you are encouraged to reflect on this together with friends using an online conference package, or simply arrange with a friend for them to watch it too. Then ring each other up, share what your thoughts and responses and then pray for one another, and pray together for our world.

**Read Acts 9:10-19**

**Watch the YouTube video:** [https://youtu.be/Mdt9m\\_mh4kc](https://youtu.be/Mdt9m_mh4kc)

As you reflect on how Ananias responded to God’s invitation, you might consider:

**Who is on my mind at the moment?** In the case of Ananias, his awareness of Saul was a prompting from God. Might God be prompting you in a similar way? Remember that Saul was seen as an outsider by the Early Church, if not an enemy. So while praying for Christian brothers and sisters – think too beyond the Christian community. Has God put someone on your mind for a reason? How can you pray for them?

**Is God speaking to me?** What might God be saying? How might you be hearing God’s voice and how can you test that out?

**What can I do about it?** How might you connect with people to explore whether God might open natural opportunities through that? How can you be “good news” to the people around you?

**Where might God have been at work?** We do not know what transformations or interventions God might be accomplishing. Where might you look for signs of God at work? How can you be open to notice them? What attitudes or expectations might you need to release?

## PRAYER

Gracious and powerful God, throughout history you have transformed lives and circumstances; your voice has been heard and your power has been at work in many unexpected places. Help me to open to your Spirit’s leading; to trust my actions of friendship and concern to you, and to be open to be your agent of grace in any situation. Grant me the faith to believe that you are at work in places I might never consider or imagine; the wisdom to notice the impact of your presence and the courage to respond to the promptings and opportunities that come my way. Through Jesus the Saviour of all. AMEN