**Extreme Makeover**

A common thread in superhero movies is transformation. Peter Parker, an average person, becomes the high-flying Spiderman after a spider bite. Bruce Banner changes into the uncontrollably big and violent Hulk when he gets angry. In addition to the physical changes they experience, the heroes and villains also go through character changes. Perhaps the process of transformation is what makes these superhero movies relatable and more believable. Today, we will examine Paul’s transformation in the Bible as we dive into 1 Timothy.

**Discussion Question:** Share about a time when somebody or somebody changed so much that it surprised you.

*Read Acts 9:1-22.*

1. Summarize what happens in this passage. What do you learn about Saul? What do you imagine Saul felt with his encounter with Jesus?

2. What roles do the other people play in this passage? Why are they included?

*Read 1 Timothy 1:12-17.*

3. a. How do these verses that Paul (formerly Saul) writes match up with the Acts passage?

b. How did Paul change so much? Why does he write about his transformation?

4. Reflect on your relationship with God right now. In what areas have you experienced God’s grace and patience? In what areas do you want to experience God’s grace and patience more? Share with the group.

5. **Application:** As we look ahead to the summer, how can we as brothers and sisters encourage each other towards Christ? In what ways can you personally encourage the people in this family group towards Christ?