Series: Road Map

Sermon: Road to Damascus

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Daily Readings

Monday: Acts 21-23 Tuesday: Acts 24-26 Wednesday: Acts 27-28 Thursday: Galatians 1 Friday: 1 Timothy 1 Saturday: Matthew 5-7

Discussion Questions

- 1. Have someone in your group give a brief recap of Sunday's message, highlighting the primary Scripture points and the main idea of the message.
- 2. How did this message strengthen and/or correct your previous ideas about the mercy of Christ? Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? Did you learn anything new about God or yourself this week?
- 3. Read Acts 9:1-9 as a group. What words, events, or phrases stand out to you? Why?
- 4. Does it shock you that God would show mercy to someone as evil as Saul? If so, why?
- 5. Who might you believe is outside of the mercy of God? What might this communicate about your view of God's mercy?
- 6. Read Acts 9:10-22 as a group. What words, events, or phrases stand out to you? Why?
- 7. Read Acts 9:20-22, Ephesians 3:7-8, and 1 Timothy 1:12-17. What kind of purpose did God have for Paul? How did God intend to use His life?
- 8. Do you tend to forget the mercy God has for you? How does this affect your view of yourself and others?
- 9. What action step do you need to take in response to this week's message? How can your group hold you accountable to this step?

Action Step

This week's action step has three different components:

- 1. Take some time to journal your answer to these questions:. How has the Lord shown His mercy to you? How did He save you and how has His mercy been expressed to you?
- 2. Take some time to journal your answer to this question: Is there anyone in your life (a person or a group of people) that you tend to not be merciful toward? How can remembering God's mercy toward you empower you to live with mercy toward them?
- 3. Pray that the Lord would open a door for you to share about His mercy in Jesus to someone else, and look for opportunities during the week to do so.

For a great resource that connects to this message, consider checking out the book <u>Gentle and Lowly</u> by Dane Ortlund.