Small Group Questions - Sunday, April 28, 2024

KEY PASSAGE: Acts 9:1-22

1. (Icebreaker) To the best of your recollection, what was thought to be the "coolest" hairstyle when you were a senior in high school? Did you have it? Why or why not?

Okay, now down to business.

- 1. What are some of the things we know about Saul of Tarsus? What influences shaped his character, background, and perspective particularly before he experienced this vision on the road to Damascus? Point to scriptural evidence if you can.
- 2. Sin is always and first an affront to God himself. How does this affect our daily understanding of what sin is, and what its effects are?
- 3. What is the role that the travel companions play in this narrative? Why is their presence important?
- 4. There are three recordings of the story of Saul's conversion. The first is in Acts 9, the passage we considered in the sermon. But there are two others. Read those accounts, told from Saul's first-person perspective (rather than being recorded in the third person in Acts 9) in Acts 22:1-21 and Acts 26:1-23.
 - a. The two times that Saul shares his own testimony, they are for different audiences and for different purposes. What are those?
 - b. What can we learn from considering these three passages together?
- 5. In what ways have you changed the most because of Jesus? In what ways have you changed the most in the last five years because of Jesus?
- 6. Not everyone will get a vision from the Lord, a bright light and a booming voice to convince them that He is, in fact, real and alive. What would you say to a skeptic who says something like, "Unless God speaks to me with a miracle, I won't ever believe in him"?