



### GATHERING

Music for Gathering	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Rev. Jim West
Sharing in the Life of the Community		
Gathering Song		<i>Come and Find the Quiet Center</i>
Call to Worship		
Song of Faith & Opening Prayer		<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>

### ENGAGING

Scripture Reading		Acts 9:1-20
Act of Praise	<i>Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone</i>	Rev. Jim West
Message	<i>The Damascus Road Experience</i>	Rev. Jim West
Affirmation of Faith		

### THANKSGIVING

Sharing in a Time of Prayer		<i>Go Make of All Disciples</i>
Sharing Our Gifts with God		

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### SENDING

Song of Faith		<i>Saul Left for Damascus</i>
Sharing in a Time of Blessing		<i>God Be with You</i>



## GUIDING QUESTIONS

As you continue to sit with Acts 9:1-20 and the daily scriptures that help you dig deeper into today's story of Saul's conversion allow these questions to guide your quest:

- Our first introductions to Saul come in Acts 7:58 and Acts 8:2-3. Why do you imagine Saul is motivated to persecute the early Christians? How does he participate in these acts of persecution and murder?
- Saul is transformed from an enemy to a brother, a persecutor to a "chosen instrument" called particularly to welcome Gentiles into the fold. In this story, what events and elements fulfill his conversion?
- Few people have experienced a radical transformation such as Saul's conversion to Paul. However, many of us may relate to Ananias' conversion experience. Where do you see the grace of God softening enemies with closeness and connection?

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Unravel my assumptions and animosities so that I might become a vessel of your radical grace. Amen.

## DIGGING DEEPER

Every day through scripture reading and prayer we will discover the broader story of God's Word. Together let's go deeper into God's Word this week.

Monday ... Acts 22:1-21

Tuesday ... Acts 26:2-23

Wednesday ... 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Thursday ... Acts 13:4-12

Friday ... Acts 28:23-31

Saturday ... Acts 18:1-17

**SCRIPTURE FOR NEXT SUNDAY ...** Jeremiah 29:1-7