SERMON NOTES

Sunday, October 4, 2026 | Pastor Scott Boerckel

A Sudden Conversion by God's Choice

Acts 9:1-22

1. The hatred of Christ and His followers (Acts 9:1-2)

2. A miraculous encounter with the risen Lord Jesus (Acts 9:3-9)

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3. The ministry of discipleship (Acts 9:10-19)

4. Principles of one's ministry as a new believer (Acts 9:20-22)

Table Talk

1) What parts of Saul's salvation story are unique to him, and what parts are common to all believers? What does Saul's salvation story teach us about God's initiative in saving us? How likely would Saul have become a Christian? Whom do you know who is a "least likely" person to become a believer? How does Saul's story encourage you with that person? (vv. 1-2)

2) What parts of verses 3-9 show that salvation is by grace alone? What question does Jesus ask, and what question does Saul ask in response? How does this encounter affect Saul's companions? Do you think that they become believers?

3) How is Ananias a good discipler? Why was he reluctant? Can you be a good discipler? Why are we sometimes reluctant? What does Ananias do to disciple Saul? (vv. 10-19)

4) What does Saul do as a new believer? How can you tell your story to someone? How does he grow in his abilities to proclaim and defend the faith? Are you praying for conversion growth at our church?