

Theme: Unexpected Conversions

Objective: To be an instrument of God...even when we don't expect it.

Memory Verse: Either from memory or by looking it up, write out I Corinthians 3:6

Read Acts 9:1-19

- This is one of the more well-known stories in the Bible. Is there something new that you picked up when reading this passage that you had not previously noticed?
- When has God had to knock you over to get your attention?
- Is there anything interesting in Paul's response in verse 5?
- If you were one of Paul's companions (and probably sharing his devotion to destroy the early church), how would you describe the events to other people? What impact do you think this event had on them?
- Paul lost his sight. Has God ever taken something away from you as a means to prepare you for bigger things?
- When have you had to blindly follow God?
- How do you think Ananias felt about going to see Paul? When has God sent you on an "errand" in which you were apprehensive about the task? How did it turn out for you?
- Read verse 15. Do you know people who have become instruments of God when you did not think it was even possible?
- Would you consider yourself an instrument of God? In what way?
- Read verse 16. After the excitement of being chosen as an instrument of God, what does God also say will happen? What does this indicate about being a chosen instrument of God?
- Are you able to trust God for the daily things without knowing the yearly details?

- What has been your story of faith and version?
- When did you become a Christian?
- When did you decide to fully follow and devote your life to Christ (often this is different than when you became a Christian)?
- Who has played a role in your growing faith?
- What lights a fire under you to do ministry?
- What ministry opportunity is exciting to you? What ministry opportunity is difficult for you to consider?

Application: During the summer, there are new ways to become involved at FCC. Summer volunteers are needed in children (See Darcy) and youth ministries (See Kory or Tyler). The church can use extra help in setting up in the mornings and taking down everything at the conclusion of the services (See Jeremy). The audio/visual team needs to people to help with worship (See Teddy). How can you grow in your faith this summer by serving in a new capacity? How can you be an instrument of God? Finish the phrase: This summer, I will serve God by _____.

Worship: Read Psalm 40:1-8. Focus on God's provision and our desire to serve him with gladness

Prayer Requests

Memory Verse: Psalm 40:8—"I desire to do your will, O my God: Your law is within my heart"