

SERMON GUIDE  
**THE ENEMY**

Acts 9:1-22

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**SERMON NOTES**

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**OUR MISSION** is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

**THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (Year 2, Week 39)**


John 1:1-3 (God's Character)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

**S**cripture that stands out to you while you read

**O**bservations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

**A**pplication that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

**P**rayers that invite God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

### Conversation Questions

**Getting to Know Me:** Have you ever known someone that was openly hostile to Jesus come to know him as Savior and Friend? Share the story.

### Read Acts 9:1-22

- S** What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** What do you observe about the character and activity of Jesus in verses 1-8? What is Jesus like? Why is this so important for the church to remember?
- O** What do you think Saul is experiencing throughout this story? Describe the range of emotions and thoughts that he must have experienced. What will following Jesus cost him?
- O** What do you think Ananias is feeling and experiencing in verses 10-12? How would you have responded in a similar situation?
- O** Why is Ananias' response in verse 17 so beautiful? What kinds of things do you think had to happen in Ananias' heart for this to happen?
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** What aspects of the gospel must the church remember if we are going to minister to our enemies?
- A** In the sermon, Pastor Prince introduced us to an acronym: FRANCES – Friends, Relatives, Acquaintances, Neighbors, Coworkers, Enemies, Strangers. In the coming month we're going to commit to asking for God's mercy in the lives of these people, and for opportunity to introduce them to Jesus. Do any names come immediately to mind?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.