



### SENT, PART 3: AN UNLIKELY DISCIPLE

“You are my Lord, because You have no need of my goodness...You converted me to yourself so that I was no longer seeking a wife or any other hope of worldly success...I was standing firm on that rule of faith on which you showed me to her in a vision so many years before.” — Augustine of Hippo, Confessions

**BIG IDEA:** Everything changes when you meet Jesus.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When was the last time you were “converted” from one thing to another? Tell us that story!
2. *With your Bible or Bible App, read Acts 9:1-4*

*Meanwhile, Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord’s followers. So he went to the high priest. He requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he found there. He wanted to bring them—both men and women—back to Jerusalem in chains. As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?”*

*Acts 9:1-4 (NLT)*

3. Paul went from persecuting the church to being one of the the most influential people in his era. His past did not dictate his future. Are there areas of your life where you feel limited by your past? What can Paul’s example teach us?
4. *With your Bible or Bible App, read Acts 9:10-18.*

*Now there was a believer in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord spoke to him in a vision, calling, “Ananias!” “Yes, Lord!” he replied. The Lord said, “Go over to Straight Street, to the house of Judas. When you get there, ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying to me right now. I have shown him a vision of a man named Ananias coming in and laying hands on him so he can see again.” “But Lord,” exclaimed Ananias, “I’ve heard many people talk about the terrible things this man has done to the believers in Jerusalem! And he is authorized by the leading priests to arrest everyone who calls upon your name.” But the Lord said, “Go, for Saul is my chosen instrument to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel. And I will show him how much he must suffer for my name’s sake.” So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Instantly something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized.*

*Acts 9:10-18 (NLT)*

5. In Acts 9:10–18, God told Ananias to lay hands on Paul of Tarsus and heal him. Paul was a known persecutor of Christians! What were the ramifications of Ananias’ obedience for the Kingdom and for the world?
6. During the message Carlo said, “When you meet Jesus, your purpose changes? Do you agree with that statement? If so, in what way are you walking out your new purpose?”

7. Scripture records that Saul retold his conversion story several times. What opportunities exist for you to share your story?

## WHAT WILL YOU DO?

The “call” is simply God’s purpose for your life in the form of a mission. If you have said, “Yes” to Jesus then you are called! This week, How will you respond to God’s call on your life?

## CHANGING YOUR MIND

*And immediately he began preaching about Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is indeed the Son of God!” All who heard him were amazed. “Isn’t this the same man who caused such devastation among Jesus’ followers in Jerusalem?”*

*Acts 9:20 (NLT)*