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GROUP DISCUSSION

Have you ever made plans for a trip, only to have those plans get changed on you? What happened and how did you respond?

1. **Read Acts 7:51-8:3.** Describe Saul's attitude toward Christians? When have you encountered someone with a similar perspective to Saul's?
2. Think about Jonah's reaction to the city of Nineveh's great revival and turning to God (see Jonah 4:1-2). Have you ever found yourself identifying with Jonah in wanting God to judge haters rather than save them? Which response do you think demonstrates the power of God more, his judgement or redemption?
3. **Read Acts 9:5-12.** How long was Saul blind after his encounter with Jesus, and what was Saul doing during this time?
4. **Read Acts 9:17-20.** If you were in Ananias' shoes and God told you to go to Saul, how would you have responded? What happened to Saul when Ananias laid hands on him, and what did Saul do afterwards?
5. From the beginning of Saul's conversion, he demonstrates a zeal to tell others about Jesus. Has your zeal for sharing Christ increased or decreased since you first gave your life to Christ until now? Why do you think that is?
6. Is there anyone in your life that you sometimes feel is beyond hope and will never follow Christ? Why, and what can Saul's story teach you as you think about that person and God's call to share Christ with others?

GOING FURTHER

MEMORIZE: *The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am foremost.* **1 Timothy 1:15 ESV**

SHARE CHRIST KEYSTONE STUDY: If your group wants to grow in their knowledge and confidence to share Christ with others, go through the five week Share Christ Keystone study. You can get all the materials by emailing JustinR@obcc.church.

The Hater

Series: Resurrection Stories (msg 3) **Date:** May 1, 2022

Acts 7:58

Acts 8:1,3

Acts 9:1–2

We can often slip into hating the haters.

Jesus wants to resurrect haters, and can!

Acts 9:1–9

Become fully convinced: Jesus wants to save haters.

- Luke 6:27–28
- Ephesians 6:12

Jesus resurrects haters to prove he can.

- Acts 9:13–16
- This should inspire us to act and preach the gospel in California.

Jesus resurrects haters because he loves to use them greatly.

- 1 Timothy 1:15–16

Jesus resurrects haters as an example.