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CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes

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Message Title: Live Sent

Scripture: Acts 9:1-22

1But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. 4 And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" 5 And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6 But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." 7 The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. 8 Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9 And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

10 Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." 11 And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, 12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." 13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. 14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." 15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. 16 For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." 17 So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; 19 and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. 20 And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." 21 And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" 22 But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

Points of Consideration:

What made Saul Ananias' Enemy?

- Saul was an agent of chaos (Acts 8:3)
- Saul left carnage in his wake (vs. 13)
- Saul had the capability to hurt (v. 14)

How did God do the Unthinkable?

- Saul was confronted (vs. 3)
- Saul was convicted (vs. 4-5)
- Saul was commissioned (vs. 15-16)

- Saul was converted (vs. 17-18)
- Saul was given a community (vs. 19)
- Saul preached Christ (vs. 20)
- Saul confounded the world (vs. 21-22)

What did Ananias Do?

- Ananias was open (vs. 10)
- Ananias was obedient (vs. 17-18)

Discussion Questions:

Consider Matthew 5:46. Jesus instructs us to love our enemies. In our passage today, we see how an encounter with Jesus changed Saul and empowered Ananias to love the one who previously persecuted the Saints. How difficult is it to love our enemies? Can we love our enemies in our strength?

While we may never be free from the consequences of our rebellion toward God (vs. 16), we learn from our passage today that all pasts are redeemable. We are called to love our enemies, knowing God can redeem their pasts. How can Paul’s story of redemption encourage others to come to Jesus? How can your story of redemption encourage others to come to Jesus?

God models His command to love our enemies by giving his Son to die for His enemies. How can we not only love our enemies but seek their benefit at our own expense?

Begin your time of discussion today by praying earnestly over the Sunday morning service!

You Turn Ministries

- Urgent Prayer Need: Malawi is currently experiencing civil unrest as a result of a nationwide fuel shortage; pray not only for the resolution of this crisis but also for YouTurn ministry partners who are affected by the ongoing conflict.

- Soccer league: pray for You Turn's soccer ministry as it brings hundreds of people in to hear the Gospel from pastoral students who preach to the crowds at halftime.

- Thousands have come to Christ and five churches have been planted through the soccer ministry since February!

- Pray for nine pastor training schools, and over 200 students, who are being trained to plant churches over the next two years.

- Pray for the over 80 orphans that You Turn currently supports. Join with You Turn as they pray that God would develop these students into strong, Bible-believing adults that would greatly impact their villages!

Church Plants!

- Hispanic Church Plant

○ We are currently working with area missionaries in the Stone Mountain Baptist Association to plant a Hispanic church in our facilities here at Fusion!

- Be in prayer for Pastor Roberto and his family and for God to open doors amongst the Hispanic community in Morgan County.

- "Pray for the Lord to use me to reach Hispanics in the community who are lost. Pray also that their hearts will be receptive to the Gospel. – Pastor Roberto

- Pray for Osiel, a caterer and a person of influence in the Hispanic community who is not a believer but who is open to the church plant.

- We are in the process of starting our initial Spanish Bible studies on Sunday nights, with a launch date set for October 16th!!! Pray for volunteers to help serve for childcare and for transportation and for God to arrange all the details! Pray for God to grow this ministry from day one.

- Walton County Church Plant

○ Pastor Matt is collaborating with local pastors who have a heart for church planting to place a church in the Walton County area. Please pray that God would raise up a planter and a core group of church members and that God would open doors in the near future!

- Specifically, pray for a planter who will lead this church; this is a huge obstacle for the initial stages of the plant.

Life Community Church, Weymouth, MA

- A building- currently, LCC Weymouth is meeting in a local community center as a mobile church. Having to borrow a space presents many inconveniences for all that the church would like to do and be. They are already praying that God would provide for them a permanent place to do ministry.

- “Dots on the Map”: LCC is designed to be a network of churches who continuously plant new churches all over the greater Boston area. The Weymouth parish is the most recent plant, and communities have been identified in Hull, Dorchester, Hingham, Randolph, etc. Pray that God would raise up communities of believers and pastors to shepherd them in these areas!

- Life has begun a study in Revelation, and Noah has asked us to pray that they will grow in their love for God’s Word and their desire to be students of the Word. They have a large population of new believers, and Noah is so excited to teach them how to study the Bible.

- Seach Elementary School, Weymouth, MA- Pray that God will give LCC favor in their relationship with this school. Noah was invited to the beginning of the school year’s teachers’ meeting and was introduced to all of the schoolteachers. Later that day, LCC donated 18 baskets of school supplies (one for each teacher at the school). LCC will have the opportunity to be present at the school’s Open House on the 21st and to meet the families of the students. Pray for opportunities to cultivate relationships and share the Gospel.

Source of Light Ministries

- **Please refer to the document below (copy and paste the link), “Changepoints,” for updates on what God is doing through the ministry of Source of Light!**

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qZwJhusH4ddpQpjP3rdiW2aP-1RuhQ7qq-sTVtdHQ_I/edit?usp=sharing

FCA

- As the ministry of FCA continues to grow in our 5-county area, pray for more people willing to Pray, Serve, and Give toward their efforts!

- Lake Country FCA Power Camp will take place October 11-13 in Greene Co. Please be in prayer for this camp.

- Morgan County Fields of Faith will be Wednesday, November 2nd. Please pray and mark your calendar to attend.

- Pray for God to raise up character coaches to serve our local coaches and athletic teams.

Timothy Initiative

- TTI is an organization whose mission is to plant churches in countries all over the globe, to train native pastors to plant these churches, and to instill in them a Biblical desire to make disciples who make disciples.

- Pray for these pastors as they minister in often desolate, impoverished places with limited resources and cultural opposition.

- The cost of planting a church through TTI is \$400; consider how your tribe may impact believers across the globe by planting a church through TTI!

Nursing Home Ministry

- Daniel and Karrah Howell have recently spearheaded an effort to bless our local nursing home community. Specifically, we as a church are collecting items for which residents regularly ask. Below is a list that designates which items each tribe is collecting, and we would greatly appreciate your help!

Young Adult Tribe-little Knick-nacks, Yarn

Young Married Tribe-Adult coloring books, Cotton balls

Married & Singles Tribe-Nail polish remover, Men's aftershave.

Married(no childcare) Tribe-Devotional Books

Empty Nesters Tribe-Body Spray/Perfume

6th-12th grade Boys Tribe-Can soda/store brand(orange, grape, ginger ale)

6th-12th grade Girls Tribe-Little Debbie snacks/crackers/cookies

Married w/kids(McBay)- Bodywash, Emery boards

Married w/kids(Wadley/Joslin)-Deodorant, Bangle bracelets

Encore Senior Adults-gloves, stocking caps

Married Tribe(Broach)- Turbins, Bandanas, scarves

Please see Daniel or Karrah if you have any questions!