

For the week of November 13, 2016  
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# From Enemy to Ally

*Tenth week in the series "Sent: Living the Mission of the Church"*

**Acts 9:1-31**

Even as the Gospel continues to make advances, a great threat remains: the Jewish leader Saul. He becomes ruthless and strategic in his opposition to the followers of Jesus. But in this story we see God's surprising way of handling his enemies. How does God handle obstacles to the Gospel in our culture? What can we expect as we are sent with the news about Jesus?

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. What are the most challenging obstacles to the Gospel in our culture?
2. What challenges to faith do you experience in your life?
3. How have you seen God transform challenges into opportunities? How might he be doing that around you right now?
4. How do you react to the initial failures of Saul to be an effective witness of the resurrection? Have you ever felt humiliated in your efforts like he was?
5. What evidence do you see of God continuing to be at work, developing "the fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Spirit?"