

Sermon Discussion Questions for Small Groups

Week of February 18th
Sermon Titled: "Converting Opposition "

Main point: God doesn't just confront opposition; He converts it to good.

Open in Prayer. Read Acts 7:58-8:3 and Acts 9:1-9.

As you begin, ask the group: How would you summarize the main points of the sermon? What stood out to you about the sermon? What questions did you have? What challenged you?

Note for the discussion and application questions: choose a couple of the questions below to discuss and go deeper with the sermon together.

Application & Discussion Questions

1. Opposition to God has existed since the Fall. Read Genesis 3:1-13 and discuss the first ways Satan opposed God. How do we see the same methods of opposition to God in our culture today?
2. Saul was a persecutor of the church. To understand God's power, we need to comprehend how evil Saul was.
 - a. Read Acts 22:3-21 and Acts 26:4-19.
 - b. What do you learn about Saul? What made him so broken and evil?
 - c. Who are modern day Saul figures? Imagine what their conversion could mean for God's kingdom.
3. We also were opposed to God and enemies of His kingdom. Take time to have a couple people share their story of rescue and /or how God is currently at work in the places of their life that they tend to resist Him (e.g. family, desires, control, forgiveness, finances, etc.)
4. In what ways does the gospel demonstrate God not only confronting sin and opposition, but converting it to good?

Prayer Focus: Pray for the persecuted church around the world as well as their persecutors' salvation. Pray also for our country and for the church to respond with courage to the brokenness we see in the news, most recently in Parkland, FL.