

SCC Small Group Study
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The Ethic that Could Change the World
Acts 9:1-19

These questions serve as a starting point for conversations. Don't feel like you need to reach every question, the goal is for good discussions!

Icebreaker: How do you think people describe you? How would you want people to describe you?

1. Read Acts 9:1-19. What jumps out to you about this story?
2. Did anything stand out to you from Keith's sermon?
3. What do you think about Jesus' words to Paul? To Ananias?
4. If you were in Ananias' position, how would you react? Would you help Paul? Is your answer reflected in how you currently treat your enemies?
5. Without naming names, who are some people in your life you'd consider your enemy? If enemy is too strong a word, who's someone you don't like or someone who doesn't like you?
6. What the difference between liking someone and loving someone?
7. What does loving our enemies actually look like?
8. What Biblical passages talk about loving our enemies?
9. What do you think about this Bible passage from Colossians 1? "21 Once you were alienated from God and **were enemies** in your minds because of your evil behavior. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation." How does this passage relate to the sermon?
10. Why is loving enemies so counter cultural?
11. Do you think the American church actually loves our enemies? Why or why not?
12. What's one way this week, you'll love an enemy or love someone who doesn't like you?

