



## Chapter 5: Paul

**Get Connected:** Share about a time in your life when you “changed direction” - changed plans, changed career, changed way of thinking, etc.

**Scripture:** Acts 9:3-6

*As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked. “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”*

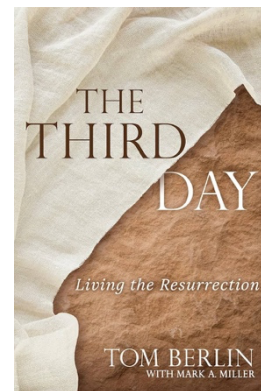
2 Corinthians 5:17

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

**Watch Video:** Rev. Kris Mutzenberger, Northeast District Superintendent

### Discussion Questions:

1. The text from Acts 9 is the beginning of the Apostle Paul’s transformation from persecutor of the way of Jesus to messenger of the Gospel of Jesus. How has God been at work in your transformation?
2. How is my life being transformed by the Holy Spirit at this time?
3. What am I doing to help facilitate that transformation?
4. What old things need to be gone in you so that new things can spring up?



### Closing Prayer:

God Creator, in Christ I am part of your new creation. Help me to cast off the old things so that I am making space for you to transform my life. Guide me in the days ahead, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may continue to grow in Christ-likeness until I enter into eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, Resurrected Savior, I pray. Amen.

### Suggested Hymns:

UMH #384	Love, Divine All Loves Excelling
UMH #388	O Come and Dwell in Me
UMH #454	Open My Eyes That I May See

