



# GENEROUS

## Don't Confuse a Cowboy with a Shepherd

- What is something that stuck out to you from last Sunday's teaching?
- Circle Time: Share about a time you went out of your way to help someone else?
  - What was your motivation to help them?
  - What was the result? How did it make you feel?
- Read Acts 9:1-19
  - Saul is specifically targeting Jewish converts to Christianity. Why do you think he wants to arrest Jewish Christians, but not gentile Christians?
  - This is the first time that the Christian movement is referred to as "followers of THE WAY". Why do you think Christians were referred to as "The Way"?
  - Being a pharisee Saul would have been quite a student of God and the Holy Scriptures... Does it strike you odd at all that he did not recognize who was calling out to him? He asks "Who are you Lord?" instead of the typical Old Testament proclamation of "Here I am" whenever the Lord spoke out to someone. Why do you think Saul could not recognize Jesus?
    - Have there ever been times in your life when Jesus showed up but you didn't recognize him?
  - What do you think Jesus meant when he asked Saul, "Why do you persecute me?"
    - In what ways a Christians persecuted around the world today?
    - Have you ever felt persecuted for your faith?
    - Are you able to be open about your faith at work? Why or why not?
  - Saul is apparently famous for his evil doings against Christians. Ananias knew of him and why he was coming to Damascus. Although he expresses his misgivings about what Jesus is calling him to do he does it anyway.
    - If someone you know had arrested and/or killed your friends and needed your help could you do it?
    - What must have been going through Ananias mind as he followed Jesus' instructions?
- What are the ways the Jesus calls you to be bold and generous with your faith?