LBC Sunday February 7 Worship Guide Paul's Conversion Part 1

Acts 8:1-3

Now Saul was consenting to his (Stephen) death.

At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. ² And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

³ As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison.

- 1. Open your time of worship by listening to "How Great Thou Art." This hymn is found on our monthly hymn page on our church's website (Look under the Sermons & Resources tab).
- 2. Take a moment to prayerfully praise our God for who He is and how He is full of wisdom, righteousness, and goodness. Rejoice in Christ and what He has accomplished for you. Give thanks for all the spiritual blessings that are yours in Christ through the Holy Spirit.
 - 3. Read the Scripture passages listed above. Listen to the sermon through our website.
 - 4. Take some time to think through the following questions in light of the sermon:
- -The text for today follows immediately on the stoning of Stephen. What kind of response does this stoning provoke for you? Why?
 - -Christians all across the world are being persecuted for their faith in Christ. Some are even being killed. Take a moment and pray for a specific country in which persecution is present.

 Pray for Christians living in that country.
- -Put yourself in the shoes of those who were carried away by Saul. How would you respond in that moment?
- -Saul's conversion, which we consider over the next few weeks, serves as a perfect illustration of the power of grace. How does your life illustrate the grace of God?