

**Taking Worship into your Week**  
**7.26.2020 – Now I See - #2 - Let's Get the Picture**

**Scripture Reading**

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. 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. <sup>6</sup> "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

**Questions for reflection:**

1. Saul had a vision which he thought was his ministry; what was it?
2. Why, do you suppose, God chose to blind Saul?
3. Jesus was being persecuted. For those who follow him he guarantees persecution. In what way are you being persecuted right now (and if you're not, why not?)

**To receive a vision for ministry, we must first know God.**

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." (Prov. 9:10)

Question: Ponder as individuals what you know about God, and then what about him you wish you knew more. Share that with each other. Ask others what you think they can do to come by that knowledge.

**To receive a vision for ministry, we must also know ourselves.**

“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” (Ps. 139:14)

Question: Each of you ask yourselves if you believe you are “wonderful.” Then share with others what keeps you from believing that. . . or why you do. What might God do with people who believe that in him, they are “wonderful?”

**To receive a vision for ministry, we must know our circumstances.**

“My times are in your hands.” (Ps. 31:15)

Question: What about our current times makes us believe that things are out of control (and by inference, that God cannot control things). How, in spite of our times, can an understanding of our times be used to achieve transformational ministry?