

OHC G2 Week #9 Fall Block 2024

QUICK REVIEW: Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, convicted or confused you?

MY STORY: When did you find yourself unprepared for an unexpected guest? Explain:

MORNING SERMON: DIGGING DEEPER: **Read Story:** Mark 13:32-37

What are the dangers of being caught unprepared for Christ's return?

In what ways can unbelief creep in and undermine how attentive we are in waiting & watching for Jesus to return?

What is to be gained by staying alert and ready?

How can we stay spiritually awake?

EVENING SERMON: DIGGING DEEPER: **Read or Tell the Story:** Acts 9:1-9

What stands out to you?

What did Saul hope to accomplish?

Why do you think Saul was so zealous against the Lord's disciples?

Was Saul's heart open to Jesus' arrival? Why or why not?

Describe what happened from the viewpoint of one of Saul's traveling companions.

Do you assume that some people are beyond God's reach? How does this story challenge those assumptions?

MEMORIZE ONE: Proverbs 16:3, Romans 8:28, Hebrews 12:7, James 1:2-4

TAKING IT HOME: How have you been encouraged or convicted through this study?

Mark 13:32-37

32 “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. **33** Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. **34** It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. **35** “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. **36** If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. **37** What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

Acts 9:1-9

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord’s disciples. He went to the high priest ² 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. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” ⁵ “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked. “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. ⁶ “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” ⁷ The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

Proverbs 16:3

Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Hebrews 12:7

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father?

James 1:2-4

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,^[a] whenever you face trials of many kinds,
3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let
perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking
anything.