Discussion Questions for January 16, 2022 sermon, "From Darkness to Light," based on Acts 26:1-32

(You may not want to read these until after you've heard the sermon.)

- 1. Where is one of the darkest places you've ever been? What is one of the brightest lights you've ever seen?
- 2. In Acts 26:6, Paul says that he is on trial because of his hope in what God promised the Jews. What do you think he means by this?
- 3. Acts 26:9-20 records the radical change that the light of the gospel brought in Paul's life. Does every sinner really need the gospel to change them "radically" or do some of us need more of a moderate change? Explain.
- 4. In Acts 26:20, Paul says that people should "demonstrate their repentance by their deeds." What do you think he means by this?
- 5. Acts 26:22-23 says the gospel message is for all peoples. "small and great alike," whether Jew or Gentile. How might this inform our understanding of things like the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday?
- 6. In Acts 26:25 Paul says his gospel defense is "true and reasonable." How would you describe Governor Felix's and King Agrippa's responses to the light of the gospel? Why do you think some people may reject the gospel's invitation, even though it's true and reasonable?
- 7. How can we pray for you this week?