

# EKKLESIA

## PART 5: EKKLESIA: THE WONDER OF IT ALL

The early ekklesia had immense growth, even through persecution. Paul's transformation from persecutor to follower is proof that the resurrection fuels courage, not comfort. It challenges us to recover our lost sense of wonder at God's grace and to see the church once again as God's catalyst for personal, cultural, and global change.

### CONNECT

In your opinion, why aren't more Christians engaged with a local church?

### LEARN

Before watching the video together and discussing the questions provided, we suggest taking a few moments to pray. Here's a simple prayer you can use:

### APPLY

After sharing what stood out from the video, discuss the following questions as a group:

1. What stands out to you about the way Jesus confronts Saul?
2. Read **Romans 5:8**.

If God demonstrated his love for you while you were still a sinner, how does that inform the way you measure worth—your own and others'?

3. If you've ever lost your wonder regarding God's grace to you, what did you do to get it back? What do you need to do?
4. The instructions in Paul's letters applied Jesus's "new commandment command" to love as Christ loved us. Where do you see that being most challenging in real life right now?

### WRAP-UP

At some point this week, spend 10 minutes or so reflecting on a time when God showed up for you when you least deserved it.

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## PRAY

As a group, pray together thanking God for the gift of gathering together. Ask him to restore the wonder of the gospel and God's grace toward you.