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Series Title: Is God Trying To Get Your Attention?
Key Scripture: Acts 8:1–4; Acts 9:1–2
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Date + Speaker: November 23, 2025 | Pastor Mark Scarr

The Big Idea:
God is always trying to get our attention; not to overwhelm us but to guide us. Like Saul on the road to Damascus, God uses moments that interrupt, redirect or wake us up. Sometimes it's gentle; sometimes it's through circumstances or people. When God gets our attention, it's because He has a purpose, a step to take, someone to reach or an area to change. The question isn't if God is speaking but how is He getting our attention right now?

Starter:
Is there a verse or thought God keeps bringing back to your mind?

Discussion:

1. Read Acts 8:1–4
   The early church faced severe persecution. Saul was aggressively going house to house, dragging believers into prison. Yet the scattered believers preached the Word wherever they went.
   a. What stands out to you most from this passage about the early church's situation?
   b. How do moments of pressure or disruption sometimes become the very places where God uses us the most?

2. Read Acts 9:1–2

Saul was passionately pursuing believers, fully convinced he was doing the right thing.

   a. What does this reveal about how someone can be sincere, yet moving in the wrong direction?
   b. Have you ever realized you were on a path God wanted to change?

3. Pastor Mark mentioned Five Preliminary Thoughts:
- God initiates; we respond.
- When God gets your attention, He has a purpose; something to do, a place to go, a person to reach, or an area to change.
- God knows exactly what it will take to get your attention.
- His methods often reflect our response.
- God will do whatever it takes to reach you.
   a. Which of these five statements resonates with you most and why?
   b. Have you experienced a moment where God clearly initiated something in your life?
   c. Why do you think God is so committed to getting our attention, even when we resist?

4. Read Acts 9:3–6
   Saul encounters Jesus and everything changes.
   a. How does this moment show God's ability to break through any confusion, busyness, or wrong direction?
   b. Is there an area of your life where you sense God saying, "It's time to listen"?

5. God uses both circumstances (Acts 8) and personal conviction/interruption (Acts 9) to get people's attention.
   a. Which do you relate more to right now?
      i. Being pushed into something new.
      ii. Being stopped in your tracks.
   b. What clues help you recognize when God is trying to redirect your focus or your steps?

Diving Deeper:

6. Are there patterns, repeated situations, or inner stirrings God might be using to get your attention right now?

7. What practical steps can you take this week to slow down and create space for God to speak?

8. As a group, how can we encourage each other to recognize God’s voice and respond when He calls?