



Session 10: CONVERTED
Suggested Week of Use: May 8, 2016
Core Passages: Acts 9:3-9, 15-20

News Story Summary

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) maintains a top ten most wanted list. The first list was published in March of 1950. The current list (April 27, 2016), includes the following names in alphabetical order: William Bradford Bishop, Jr., James Derek Brown, Brenda Delgado, Robert William Fisher, Alexis Flores, Victor Manuel Gerena, Glen Stewart Godwin, Eduardo Ravelo, Yaser Abdel Said, and Fidel Urbina. Brenda Delgado was recently captured in Mexico but remains on the list awaiting extradition. All on the list are allegedly involved in a capital crime. In addition to the ten most wanted list, the FBI maintains lists of wanted terrorists, crimes against children, known bank robbers, kidnapping and missing persons, parental kidnappings, white collar crimes, and seeking information.

For more on this story, enter the phrase “FBI most wanted” in your search engine.)

Focus Attention

Before the group arrives, write the names currently listed of the FBI top ten most wanted. To supplement the First Thoughts activity, call attention to the names listed. Allow the group to guess how the names are connected. If not guessed, reveal that these individuals are all currently included on the FBI’s ten most wanted list. Call attention to the question on page 102 of the Personal Study Guide (Who would surprise you the most if he or she became a professing Christian? Would you be skeptical or accepting of that person? Explain.) Lead the group to discuss their responses.

Challenge

Remind the group of the top ten most wanted. Characterize Christians as being on Saul/Paul’s list of most wanted prior to him meeting Christ on the Damascus road. Highlight the change that took place in Paul’s life as a reminder of that the gospel can change the heart and mind of anyone. Challenge the group to begin to pray for the person in their life they believe to be the most hostile toward or in need of salvation. Encourage them to include in their prayer asking God to help them share with that person.