
Application Guide: Acts 22

1. Warm-up (5-10 min)

Try telling someone about your relationship with Jesus, starting with your earliest memories of Him up to how you feel about Him today.

2. Engaging the Chapter (15-20 min)

Background: Paul is once again speaking to a crowd. This time, rather than telling the history of the Jewish people, their relationship with God and how it led up to Jesus, Paul is sharing his personal testimony about his experience meeting Jesus on the road to Damascus.

How is a testimony different than a sermon?

Why does Paul introduce his testimony as his “defense” (vs. 1)? Why do you think he defended himself with his testimony rather than with theology?

Why do you think Paul spoke in their language (Aramaic) instead of continuing on in Greek?

When Paul was in Athens he quoted a Greek poet, now in Jerusalem he talks about the well-known Jewish leaders he studied under. Why do you think he did that?

Why do you think Paul told the people that he used to persecute Christians?

It seems like Paul was trying to tell the people that he used to be just like them—that he was passionate about the Jewish law and ceremonies until he had his vision from Jesus.

When Paul was trying to witness to the Jews in Jerusalem, why do you think he told them that Jesus had prophesied that they wouldn't accept what he was saying at that very moment?



Why do you think Paul went to Jerusalem knowing he would be rejected and imprisoned, and that his testimony wouldn't seem to do any good at the moment?

Do you think his testimony planted seeds that would bear fruit in the future?

Why do you think the Jews got so angry when Paul said God sent him to the Gentiles?

3. Applying the Chapter to Your Life (5-10 min)

Choose one or both:

- a. Write out your testimony. Include every memory you have that has laid an important part of your spiritual foundation. Then think about what the next step in your spiritual journey may be.
- b. Read a good biography of a spiritual hero. Make a “bucket list” of spiritual activities you’d like to engage in before you die, or before Jesus comes.

4. Prayer Time (3-5 min)

- a. Ask Jesus to bring to your mind the most important steps in your spiritual journey that you may have forgotten or overlooked.
- b. Pray for someone you know to stop taking for granted the miracles in their life. Pray that you and your friends can see God’s work on earth more clearly.

5. Outreach Idea

Ask someone you know to share with you their testimony about what Jesus means to them, and then share your testimony.

