
Application Guide: Acts 24

☐ 1. Warm-up (5-10 min)

Choose one:

- a. Think of someone with whom you always seem to lose arguments. Why do you think you have a hard time persuading this person to agree with your point of view? Give an example?

- b. Think of someone you are usually able to convince to do what you want. What do you think gives you influence over this person?

☐ 2. Engaging the Chapter (15-20 min)

Paul is once again defending himself, as well as witnessing to a leading ruler. Write out your own detailed defense for your faith as if you are standing before a judge that is not a Christian. Use the following outline or one of your own:

- Give an overview of the Gospel—who Jesus is and what He stands for.
- Site historical evidence that He really existed (optional).
- Share your own testimony of how Jesus has impacted your life.
- For those to whom you are speaking, make an appeal to accept Jesus and follow Him

Find someone to play the part of the non-Christian judge and present your case in front of several others. How did it feel to actually defend your faith out loud?

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

- a. Pray for God to give you confidence in your relationship with Him. Pray for Him to help you be able to reason through *why* you believe and share it with others you may meet. Ask God to help you be honest and personal as you do this. Ask God to bring someone into your life that you can witness to in this way.
- b. Think through your life and try to identify times when God has tried to reach you with a message to do something. Journal about three instances where you felt successfully used by God. What prepared you for those times? What can you do to prepare yourself to be used by God again? Be specific.