
Application Guide: Acts 26

1. Warm-up (5-10 min)

Choose one:

- a. Does repeating something over and over bore you or help you to know it better? Why?

- b. What is your favorite thing to do over and over again (listen to a particular song, watch a particular movie, recite your favorite scripture, etc.)? Why?

2. Engaging the Chapter (15-20 min)

Paul is once again sharing his testimony. How do you think this repeated sharing is affecting him? Do you think he is getting tired of sharing it, or do you think repeating it so frequently helps him to be constantly reminded that God is with him and watching over him? Why?

Think back to your defense and testimony that you wrote out for chapter 24. Did everything you wrote come to mind right away or did it take time to remember some things? When those things you had forgotten happened to you, did you ever think you'd forget them?

Back in Bible times very few people could read, so they depended on the oral tradition. Stories of the Bible were recited over and over until they were memorized. If a person stopped reciting them, they would slowly forget details and soon the stories would be lost. It is important for us to constantly think of the ways God has led us in our lives so that we don't forget, either. Sharing your testimony frequently helps you to remember. It is also important to keep engaging your life with Jesus so there is always something new to add to your testimony. If your testimony stops growing, you will soon get bored with it. The key is to stay active in your relationship with Jesus and keep the relationship alive!

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

- a. Make a list of the activities you and your friends have engaged in that have given you pieces of your testimony (i.e. helping with community service, going on a mission trip, offering to help an elderly neighbor, etc.) Plan out how you can engage in some of these activities again. Make a list of the people you'd like to invite to participate with you.
- b. Choose a passage of Scripture to memorize that is at least five verses long. Start out with a classic passage such as Psalm 23 or the Lord's Prayer. Recite the passage several times per day until you know it by heart. Experiment and determine how often you will need to recite it to keep from forgetting it.

4. Prayer Time (3-5 min)

- a. Pray for God to impress you with ideas for activities you can engage in to reach out to your friends and community. Get together with several friends who want to help you and pray together for God's leading.
- b. Pray through the passage of Scripture you have chosen to memorize. Ask God to help you to understand what it means, and also to help you find new insights every day so it can become a guiding force in your life.

5. Outreach Idea

Now that you have gone over your testimony several times, find two more places where you can share it (if you haven't already, try sharing at a nursing home or children's division Sabbath school).