

# The Church on Mission

*"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me..." Acts 1:8*

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## MAKING YOUR TESTIMONY ABOUT JESUS

### Acts 22:1-21

Context: Paul's trip to Jerusalem results in a riot when some angry, unbelieving Jews falsely accused Paul. From chapter 21:17-28:31 Paul is arrested and put on the defensive. Paul defends the message of the Gospel, appearing before Felix and Festus and will appeal to appear before Caesar in Rome. More verses will be given to Paul's defense and prison verses (239), then his missionary verses (226). Luke is writing Acts to assure Theophilus of the many convincing evidences that Christianity is biblical, and is God's plan (Acts 1:1-3).

*When you are put on the defensive, ultimately God wants you to focus on sharing the gospel more than saving your own skin.*

### Further the Gospel more than Defending Yourself by:

I. Looking for ways to connect and identify with your audience (Acts 22:1-5).

- *Remember those Satan wants you to see as your adversaries are the audience that God has given to be your mission field!*
- *To witness, share what you were trusting in before faith in Christ, share your misconceptions about God, and show how hopeless what you were living for was.*

II. Sharing how God converted you (Acts 22:6-11).

- *If you are a Christian, you always have your testimony of how God saved you. Use your personal testimony of coming to faith in Christ because it is a great way to turn conversations to spiritual things; it helps you break the ice. It is personal, identifiable, factual, unarguable, and engaging.*
- *Sharing a moving or inspiring story of how God helped you is not the goal of a salvation testimony. If you do not share the gospel with them so that they could get saved, then you have not witnessed to them, you have merely shared praises. They need to know how to have what you have in Christ.*
- *Share what God used to get your attention. Share how the turning point of faith happened. Share what led you to become a Christian.*

III. Focusing on who Jesus is as God and His exclusive power to save (Acts 22:12-16).

- *Don't assume religious people know who Jesus/God is.*
- *Share: who Jesus is, why you needed him (you are a sinner separated from God), what Jesus did (He died and rose again as your substitute, punishment bearer), and what Jesus promises (eternal life).*

IV. Briefly share how transformative becoming a Christian has been (Acts 22:17-21).

- *When you leave your conversation make sure they know you needed Christ to save you, and He made all the difference.*
- *Keep your testimony clear, Jesus saves people not a church. Don't be prouder of your church than Jesus! Avoid rabbit trails by comparing denominations.*