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Weekly Bible Study

PAUL'S TESTIMONY | Acts 21:37-22:21

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Intro Discussion:

What is a "personal testimony"? Have you heard that phrase before?

- What are some reasons we should share our testimony? Does hearing someone else's testimony encourage you? How?

Scan through Acts 18-21. Where has Paul been? Who has he met?

At the end of 21, where is Paul? Why is he being arrested (see Acts 21:28)?

Read Paul's testimony: Acts 21:37-22:21

Why does Paul want to speak to the people? What is his overall tone and message?

Look back through **verses 1-5**.

- What does Paul do and say that would identify himself with these people?
- Why does he do this? Why doesn't Paul just stop here?
- How does Paul speak about himself before he meets Jesus?

Look back through **verses 6-13**.

- Where else is this story recorded in Acts?
- How does Paul describe his encounter with Jesus? What stands out to you and why? Do you see Jesus in similar ways?
- What does it tell you that Paul calls Jesus "Lord"?

Look back through **verses 14-16**.

- What stands out to you about what Ananias tells Paul? How has Paul's life reflected what Ananias tells him here?
- Read Acts 9:20. Do we act so quickly? What do we wait for?
- How was Paul empowered to live on mission? How is this true for us?

If time allows, read Acts 9:3-9

- What differences do you notice in these two accounts?
- What are some ways every Christian's testimony is just like Paul's?
- Does studying Paul's testimony encourage you to be on mission? Why or why not?

Mission Focus:

What role does your personal testimony have in being on mission?

When is the last time you shared your story with someone?

If you have time, let a few people share their testimonies with the group. You could also challenge everyone to write their testimony down using Paul's as a guide.