



ACTS CHAPTER 22 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- What makes a great story?
- What makes a great storyteller?
- **Opening Prayer**
 - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Tell the Story

Read the Story (Acts 22:1-30)

Read out loud as a group, 5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you have to get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

Acts 22:1-5

- What is the significance of the people becoming quiet when they heard Paul speaking in Hebrew and the significance of Paul sharing about his lifestyle before he became a Christian?
 - Paul was able to relate to the people to whom he was speaking and met them exactly where they were at. He didn't speak down to them. He didn't talk at them. He began to share his journey of faith with what they could understand and relate to and they were initially willing to listen. He was willing to put himself in their shoes.



- In what ways do you need to more fully put yourself in the shoes of another to meet them exactly where they are at? What is difficult for you about doing this?
 - These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.

Acts 22:6-21

- In what ways did Paul distinguish himself from the people to whom he was speaking just by sharing his journey of faith?
 - Paul like the people was a Jew and yet, when he encountered Jesus and Jesus began to turn his life upside down and inside out, Paul submitted and surrendered to what was new and uncomfortable. The people that were listening to Paul didn't want to submit and surrender to what was new and uncomfortable for them. They had grown up in certain ways and had certain lifestyles and they desired to maintain both. The message that Paul had accepted and was sharing was a threat to those that were listening, and this reality alone made Paul very different from the people and the people very different from Paul.
 - Is there anything that scares you about sharing your faith journey with those that don't yet know Jesus? If so, what are those fears?
 - These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.
 - How does your faith journey automatically make you different than those that don't yet know Jesus? How can you handle those differences in ways that point to Jesus?
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Acts 22:22-30



- Why did the Jews become so angry when Paul mentioned that God said that He would send him far away to the Gentiles?
 - The Jews didn't have a problem with Paul preaching Judaism to the Gentiles. They believed that Gentiles should convert to Judaism, so this wasn't the issue. The issue was that they wanted the Gentiles to accept the Law and circumcision in order to convert to Judaism. They refused to accept that someone could be saved only through the blood of Jesus. They believed that there were things people could and should do to be seen as righteous and accepted in God's sight. So, Paul's message that Gentiles could be saved apart from the Law and circumcision was radical and completely against what the Jews knew to be true.
 - What expectations do you place on yourself in your faith journey that really aren't consistent with God's word or His nature?
 - What expectations do you place on others in their faith journey that really aren't consistent with God's word or His nature?
 - These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.
- What does Paul's response in Acts 22:25-28 teach us about how we should handle difficult situations as a result of our faith and difficult situations in general?
 - There wasn't any panic within Paul and he was able to exercise tremendous wisdom to continue to have platforms to speak about the message of Jesus.
 - In what ways do you need to be more like Paul in handling difficult situations as a result of your faith and difficult situations in general?
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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time
- Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week (Acts 23)



ACTS CHAPTER 22 (STUDENT)

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 - What expectations do you place on others in their faith journey that really aren't consistent with God's word or His nature?
- What does Paul's response in Acts 22:25-28 teach us about how we should handle difficult situations as a result of our faith and difficult situations in general?
 - In what ways do you need to be more like Paul in handling difficult situations as a result of your faith and difficult situations in general?

Final Application

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