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**Paul’s Testimony & Legacy**

ACTS 22

**Key Truth:** In obedience to the Lord, we all have a duty to share the gospel with everyone we can.

1. Know that the **Lord** is with you.

 A. Be **confident** in your **purpose**.

 1. Talk their language…Find Common

 Ground…Explain the inclusion.

 2. Share deeds or actions…confirm it all with

 witnesses.

 B. Be **zealous** and **excited** about your purpose.

2. Paul’s **amazing** conversion:

 A. Humbled himself **willingly.**

 B. Hears the voice of **Christ** and recognizes it is **the**

 **Lord**.

 C. Willing to **obey** the Lords **command**.

3. Know your **purpose.**

 A. Be willing to **devote** yourselves to **obedience**.

 B. Be willing to **sacrifice yourself**.

 C. Be willing to **adapt**.

**Taking it Beyond the Walls:** Pray to the Lord asking for opportunities to share the gospel. Be intentional when the opportunity comes your way. Make sharing the Lord your legacy.

**CONNECTION GROUP HOMEWORK**

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Becoming a Christian is really an exchange—an exchange of your story for the story of God. How has the story of your life changed since coming to faith in Christ?

What are the learning points for you from Paul’s testimony that you can apply in sharing your own testimony with others?

What do we learn about God from His choice of Paul for this task?

How might thinking that we sought out God hinder our spiritual growth?

Why does Paul’s reference to the Gentiles (v. 21) upset the crowd, despite the fact that they did not react to his speaking about Jesus?

Do you ever feel unworthy to be used by God to advance His kingdom? How might considering Paul’s testimony help us overcome such insecurities?

What is your conversion story? Why might it be unhealthy to compare our personal testimonies with those of others?