

Going Public

“ How to Use Your Story to Reach People for Jesus - Part 1 ”

1. Ask for Permission to Share vv. 21:37-39

2. Describe Your B.C. Days vv. 21:40-22:5



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

Point #1

- a) Read Acts 21:37-39. Why was it important to clarify Paul's identity? How did Paul disarm the chaos?
- b) How does Point #1 help transition a potential hostile or awkward discussion into a safe spiritual discussion?
- c) How can Point #1 also show respect to those you are talking to? How does this encourage you to apply Point #1?

Point #2

- a) Read Acts 21:40-22:5. Why did Paul speaking Hebrew help settle the crowd? How did "Brothers" help?
- b) How did describing his past as Saul of Tarsus do the same? (i.e., Point #2) How did Paul also use details?
- c) Why is using Point #2 for sharing the Gospel important? Go around the room and briefly share your B.C. days.

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read Acts 21:37-38

- What did you learn about "The Egyptian" from this week's sermon? Why was Paul confused with him?
- How did a terrorist group called Sicarii also add to the confusion? Why did this need to be cleared up?
- How have you seen people confuse Jesus with other religions? Why is clarifying important to remember?

TUESDAY // Read Acts 21:37-39

- What was unique about Paul's life before he became a Christian? How was it similar for everyone?
- In what way can sharing your story be disarming and an easy way to talk about Jesus?
- What does this highlight about every Christian's ability to share the Gospel? How does this encourage you?

WEDNESDAY // Read Acts 21:39, 7:2, 24:10, 26:1-3

- In the midst of the chaos and misunderstanding, how could Paul have defended himself? (e.g., shout, revolt)
- What did he do instead? (i.e., permission) Why is this important when it comes to sharing your story?
- How is this different than how you've seen others share the Gospel? How does Paul's approach feel safer?

THURSDAY // Read Acts 21:40-22:2

- Given Paul was bilingual, why was it important he spoke to the crowd in Hebrew? Be specific.
- How did terms like "Brothers" or "Fathers" help? Why is this important when talking to non-Christians?
- In what way does this show respect to those you are speaking to? (i.e., I'm just like you)

FRIDAY // Read Acts 22:3-5, 8:3, 9:2

- As Paul begins sharing his story, how did he use his past (i.e., Saul of Tarsus) to relate to the crowd?
- In what way does this again show he was like them? How did he use details to help? Give an example.
- Take some time now to write out your story describing yourself before becoming a Christian. Be detailed.

SATURDAY // Read Acts 22:3-5, Philippians 3:4-8, Galatians 1:13-14

- In today's reading, how did Paul use his past to share the Gospel and promote Jesus to Christians?
- Thinking back on your past, how could this ultimately bring glory to God and His work in your life?
- How does this challenge you to share your past more often? How will you step into this today?

MEDITATION VERSE: *⁴I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering to prison both men and women, ⁵as the high priest and the whole council of elders can bear me witness. From them I received letters to the brothers, and I journeyed toward Damascus to take those also who were there and bring them in bonds to Jerusalem to be punished.*

Acts 22:4-5