

HOME GROUPS

Discussion Questions for *Acts 22* “Share Your Hope” Week of April 11th - 17th, 2010

Warm Up How was Easter celebrated in your home growing up?

- What comes to mind when you think of the word “Evangelism”? Has your thinking about this word changed over time? If so, how?
- In **Acts 22** Paul shares the story of his life before he met Jesus, how he got saved, and the commission God gave him to share the good news with the Gentiles. Have one or two people (who feel comfortable) share a short 3 minute testimony about what their life was like *before knowing Jesus, how they met Him, and what their life has been like since*. Is this something each person could possibly work on and come back next week to share?
- Paul shares his testimony several times throughout Scripture. Read through **1 Timothy 1:12-17** and **Acts 26:4-23**. What aspects of sharing his faith impact you most? Why?
- During the responsive time of worship on Sunday, Drew made a valuable insight when he shared of his own experience in initiating conversation with people outside of the faith. He said, **“I asked God to take the water of my story and turn it into the wine of His witness. I prayed for God to do His work in their lives and I simply shared my story.”** How does God take the water of our story and turn it into the wine of His witness? How is this an encouragement to us when sharing our faith with others?
- Read aloud **Acts 22:14-15**.
 - What do these verses teach us about the process of coming to faith in Jesus Christ? (See also **Ephesians 1:3,4**)
 - What did Paul “see and hear” that he was commissioned to share? What have you seen and heard that you feel a burden to share regarding your faith?

Wrap Up: Discuss if the obstacles to sharing your faith are primarily *external* or *internal*. How are you challenged to gain ground in becoming a person who more easily speaks of the hope that lies within you? Pray to this end as you close.