



Discussion Questions for Acts 26 “What’s Your Story”?
Week of May 16th - May 22nd, 2010

Warm Up Two warm up questions this week!

1. When it comes to sharing your story or “testimony”, what are some typical fears or objections you tend to have about the process?
 2. What have you found to be a great icebreaker when talking about spiritual things with others?
- The *only* goal for Home Group tonight will be to learn how to tell spiritual story in 3-5 minutes! Read through both sides of this sheet to get your wheels turning about how to write your testimony. Then begin by dividing some note cards among yourselves and jotting down the bullet points of your personal testimony. Don’t overcomplicate it, but consider the following points to guide you:
- *Life Before Jesus*: If you came to faith in Christ as an adult this should be fairly straightforward. If you accepted Jesus Christ as a child, describe the kind of home you grew up in.
 - *How You Met Jesus*: Share how you became a Christian. What were the circumstances and who were the people who played a role? In what ways was this a defining moment for you?
 - *What Has Your Life Been Like Since Meeting Jesus?* In what specific ways have things changed for you since becoming a Christian?

Other Things to Consider in Writing Your Story...

- Always seek to include the essential gospel elements: 1. All have sinned (Rom. 3:9-18, 23). 2. Sin has a penalty both now and later (Rom. 6:23). 3. Jesus paid the penalty for sin by dying on the cross (Rom. 5:8) and 4. Repentance from sin and faith in Jesus is needed to come into a relationship with Him (John 3:16; Rom. 10:9).
- Which story best reflects yours?
- *Adult Conversion*
 - You trusted in Jesus as an adult. You have a distinct *before, how, and after*.

- **Early Conversion, Adult Full Commitment**
 - You trusted in Jesus as a child, yet your life was lived in spiritual immaturity, similar to a non-believer.
 - You reached a point of reckoning and recommitted your life to Jesus Christ.
- **Early Conversion, Consistent Growth**
 - You grew up with a strong faith in Jesus, probably under strong believers, and had a strong church background.
 - Your story doesn't have as much "before" Jesus but a lot to say about *how* and *after*.
- When you start to get a handle on your testimony, go around and share what you have - even if it's not complete! It's okay to read off of your note cards...the important thing is that everyone begin to vocalize their stories as they feel led.
- **Wrap Up**: If you didn't have time to finish, come back next week and have each person share their testimony within 3-5 minutes. Learning to share what God has done for you in a short amount of time will be a huge victory in preparing you to share your faith more often!