



When the Lord Calls for Courage- Acts 23
April 18th - 24th, 2010

Warm Up What do you do regularly or from time to time, either at work or at home, that requires courage? Share with your group.

- Read Acts 23:11. The Lord stood by Paul that night. Why did Jesus choose this time to stand beside Paul? Was this unusual for Jesus to have appeared like this?
- What would you say is the most usual way that people actually hear from Jesus? Is there any way to know that it is Jesus speaking for certain?
- In Acts 23:11 Jesus commends Paul for having testified for Him in Jerusalem, and then reassures Paul that there is more testifying to be done in Rome.
Have you ever had to testify in a court of law? Did it take a lot of courage? What made it a sobering event in your life?
What parallels do you notice between testifying in a court room and testifying to Jesus?
- Jesus told Paul he had done a good job in Jerusalem for Him. It was pointed out that there were really no converts or conversions to speak of. Why had Paul done a good job? What does this tell you about what Jesus expects of our lives?
- Read Colossians 4:3-6. Why did Paul want prayer? What part did he expect God to do and what part did he feel responsible to do? Is this how you have seen it in the past? Does this change anything for you?

Wrap Up Identify a few areas of your life where you might focus your prayers for opportunities to testify for Jesus. Share with the group how you would like to speak up in those areas.

Pray for each other.