

Tell the world

Acts 21: 37 – 22:29

Study 2: Tell your story

Text Questions:

1. Paul has just been beaten by the hostile Jewish crowd, trying to kill him, while the Roman commander and his troops rescue Paul. What does Paul's request to address the volatile crowd indicate (21:37-40)?
2. How does Paul placate this hostile crowd to gain a hearing (21:40-22:2)?
3. What point is Paul making by citing his past (22:2-5)? How would these facts appease the Jewish crowd?
4. What striking features are there in Paul's encounter he experienced on the Damascus Road (22:6-9)?
5. What is surprising about Paul's response to Jesus' voice (22:10-11)?
6. Why is Ananias' background significant? What role does he fulfil (22:12-15)?
7. What do these instructions issued to Paul reveal (22:16 [Romans 10:13])?
8. Why does Paul's divinely mandated assignment once again spark hostile opposition (22:17-23)?
9. Why does Paul invoke his rights as a Roman citizen (22:24-29)?

Application Questions:

1. What does Paul's request to address the crowd reveal about him? How can you imitate his example?
2. Paul's life was radically turned around by an extraordinary personal encounter with Jesus.
 - 2.1. However, where, most frequently, do people encounter Jesus now?
 - 2.2. How can you help others to experience this life-changing encounter with Jesus?
3. The transformation in Paul's life couldn't be starker.
 - 3.1. How does this give you hope when encountering those hostile to the gospel?
 - 3.2. Why will you face hostile opposition when you follow Jesus?
4. How well-prepared and willing are you to tell your personal story of faith in Jesus to whoever will listen?
5. God gave Paul a unique assignment as a Jew who follows Jesus to reach the Gentiles. What is your God-given assignment?

Prayer: Dear Lord, ...