



**Topeka Bible Church**  
**The Life of Paul, Episode 40:**  
**“Another Way to Say Evangelism”**  
**Community Group Study Questions**  
**Acts 21:26-22:22 and selected passages**

1. In Acts 21:27-29, we see that the mob reacted based only on what a few Jews said about Paul (see Jesus’ experience in *Matthew 27:20-26*). Have you made assumptions about another, or cast judgment on them as the Jews did to Paul and Jesus? What does Jesus teach about this (*John 8:1-11* or *Matthew 7:1-5*)?
  
2. Why did Paul speak Greek to the Roman soldier (*Acts 21:37*)? Why did he speak Hebrew to the Jewish crowds outside of the barracks (*Acts 21:40; 22: 2*)? Why did Paul mention his Jewish schooling and training to this crowd (*Acts 22:3-5; cf. 1 Corinthians 9:20-23*)?
  
3. Why is it significant that Paul mentions his direct encounter with Jesus Christ in Acts 22:6-8 (*Acts 9:3-6; cf. John 1:14; 1 John 1:1-3; 2 Peter 1:16*)? Have you ever had a similar direct encounter with Jesus? If not, how did you “encounter” Jesus?
  
4. Did you have an individual like Ananias in your life who helped you when you first believed (*Acts 22:12-16; 9:17-19*)? Who was that person and how did they help you grow? Have you ever been an “Ananias” to someone else? What have you learned through the process?

5. Did Paul's water baptism wash away his sins (Acts 22:16)? How are we to understand this verse in light of *Ephesians 2:8-9* and *Titus 3:5*? What other plans did God have for Paul, which Paul didn't expect (Acts 22:18, 21; 9:15)? Did God surprise you with His "change of plans" for your life shortly after you believed in Jesus Christ?
  
6. How does Paul's testimony serve as a helpful example for us when we share the gospel with others (*Romans 1:16*)? Have you ever attempted to share your "story" with others in an attempt to share Jesus Christ with them? What happened? Why did these crowds still not believe Paul after he shared all of these words (Acts 22:22)?
  
7. Would you be prepared to share your testimony if someone asked you to do so today? Why is it essential that we are always prepared (*2 Timothy 4:2*; *1 Peter 3:15*)? How can you prepare yourself and who can you share your story with this week?

**Memory Verse:**

**"And I said, 'What shall I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me, 'Get up and go on into Damascus, and there you will be told of all that has been appointed for you to do.'"**

**(Acts 22:10, NASB)**