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Bible Study

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Lesson: 27
Acts 22

Read this week's scripture and answer the questions below. As you read, consider how these verses fit into what you are seeing or experiencing today. Prepare to share with your small group anything that jumped out at you, confused you, encourage you, challenged or convicted you.

Tuesday

Before reading, pray and ask for understanding and insight into this week's scripture selection. Read Acts Ch. 22. See Paul deliver his testimony, even to the most hostile crowd.

Wednesday

Read verses 1-5. Paul paints a picture of who he was before acknowledging Jesus as Lord. Consider your life before Jesus. Turn to prayer; thank God for meeting you where you were and walking with you since.

Thursday

Spend time in verses 6-11. Paul relays the amazing way he first encounters Jesus. Your first glimpse of Jesus might not be as dramatic, but it is just as consequential. Reflect on that moment. Is this a story you tell? Turn to prayer today, thank Jesus for his great light, pray for those you know, you love who may still be walking in darkness.

Friday

Read and consider verses 12-16. Even after Paul's miraculous encounter with Jesus, see Ananias faithfully minister to Paul's needs, explain the Gospel to Paul, welcome him into the Christian family and point him in the direction of his calling. Each man plays a part in God's kingdom? Are you playing yours? Let these thoughts lead you to prayer today.

Saturday

Take in verses 17-21. Here we see something very important. Paul isn't saved just to be saved; he is saved to be sent. Salvation is so much more than a "ticket to heaven;" it's a calling to live in a whole new way, and that new way, faithfully following Jesus, very often involves suffering. Jesus asks us to count the cost of discipleship. These are serious considerations; let them lead you to prayer today.

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Sunday

Read verses 22-24. The rejection of Paul's message is swift. Imagine Paul's disappointment, how long he has hoped to bring the gospel to Jerusalem. God doesn't promise to remove disappointment, but he never leaves us alone in it. We are often to stubborn to even acknowledge our disappointment. Let us not miss the opportunity today. Share your frustrations with the Lord. Thank him for walking through them with you. Ask that his plan would be advanced through trial.

Monday

Read and think about verses 25-29. In these verses we see Paul's shrewdness. Though he is often bullied, beaten, bugged he is nobody's fool. Is there an area in your life that might require shrewdness, strong powers of judgement? Ask God to be at work in these circumstances and to show you the way through them.

Tuesday

We end this week in verse 30. It seems incidental, but it's actually quite hopeful. The Roman tribune wants to know "the real reason why" Paul has stirred up so much commotion? What seemed like chaos has become another opportunity for Paul to testify. Today, pray for those testifying in tumultuous circumstances, amidst trials and persecutions. Pray that we would have the same type of conviction and willingness to suffer for the sake of the gospel of Jesus.

Notes/Prayer Request
