

**Lesson Title:** Paul's Testimony**Scripture Focus:** Acts 26:16–18**The Lesson in Context**

Sharing our testimony does not have to be intimidating or complicated. Like Paul before Festus and Agrippa, we can tell our own story of transformation and direct others to the Bible to see how it is applied and fulfilled. Paul received help from God to persevere as a witness, despite the resistance he faced for preaching about Jesus. Before ascending into Heaven, Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would give the disciples power, and they would be witnesses around the world (Acts 1:8). The Holy Spirit still empowers and sustains our witness. Alone, we are just another voice in a world of noise, but with the Spirit's help, our witness will resound.

After sharing our personal testimony, we can call others to repentance and guide them to respond by teaching them a Bible study about the new birth. In repentance, we turn away from sin and to God, who is willing to forgive us. In baptism, our sins are washed away and the name of Jesus is called over us, giving us a new identity. The Holy Spirit is a promise for everyone, allowing us to experience the indwelling presence of God working in and through us (Acts 2:38–39).

Group Discussion

1. If you have been falsely accused, how do you maintain your innocence and Christian witness at the same time?
2. Why do you think Luke recorded Paul's testimony before Agrippa even though Agrippa was not fully persuaded?
3. In what specific ways has Jesus Christ transformed your life?
4. What strategies have you found to be most effective for sharing the gospel with others?
5. How can you develop confidence to share your testimony and teach Bible studies?

My Prayer for the Upcoming Week

How do you want to be different because of what you have experienced today?
