

## PAUL'S TESTIMONY: LESSON STUDY GUIDE

### LESSON OVERVIEW

- Primary Text: Acts 26:1–29
- Focus Text: Acts 26:16–18
- Central Truth: Being in covenant with God gives us a testimony to share with our world.

### LESSON SECTIONS & SCRIPTURES

#### 1. EVERYONE HAS A STORY

- Scriptures: Acts 26:16–18
- Key Takeaways:
  - A testimony is not powerful because it is dramatic it is powerful because it is TRUE.
  - A courtroom witness isn't called for their legal degree, but to state what they personally saw, heard, and experienced.
  - Key Thought: God saved you from sin, but He saved you FOR a purpose.

#### 2. DEFENDING TRUTH WITHOUT LOSING YOUR SPIRIT

- Scriptures: Acts 25:7–8, Acts 23:11
- Key Takeaways:
  - False accusations test what is actually inside of you.
  - Being right does not give you permission to operate in the wrong spirit.
  - Key Thought: Your testimony is defined by what Jesus did IN you, not what people did TO you.

#### 3. RELIGION VS. REVELATION

- Scriptures: Acts 26:1–3, Acts 26:4–5, Acts 26:9–11, Acts 26:12–15
- Key Takeaways:
  - You can know religious language, keep traditional schedules, and still lack an encounter with Jesus.
  - Sincerity is not enough; Paul had religion before Damascus, but he needed revelation.
  - Key Thought: When you touch the Church, Jesus takes it personally.

#### 4. TRANSFORMATION & THE "ALMOST" DANGER

- Scriptures: Acts 26:16–18, Acts 26:19–20, Galatians 1:23–24, Acts 26:24, Acts 26:25, Acts 26:27, Acts 26:28, Acts 26:29
- Key Takeaways:
  - Grace knocks us down to show us our need, but grace stands us up to give us a mission.
  - King Agrippa was "almost persuaded" (Acts 26:28)—almost saved is still lost.
  - Key Thought: Witnessing must move from telling stories to inviting a decision.

#### 5. THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION

- Scriptures: Romans 3:23, Acts 26:20, Acts 2:38, John 3:3–5, Acts 22:16, 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Key Takeaways:

- A testimony opens the door; the Word of God carries the authority.
- The Gospel calls for true repentance—a complete U-turn toward God.
- Covenant transformation comes through repentance, baptism in Jesus' name, and receiving the Holy Spirit.

#### SCRIPTURE LIST

- Section 1: Acts 26:16–18
- Section 2: Acts 25:7–8 | Acts 23:11
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#### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Where did Jesus find you, and what has He done in your life that you can share with someone this week?
2. Are you letting past pain or opposition speak louder than your praise?
3. How can you move from being "almost persuaded" in areas of full obedience to living in total surrender to God?