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## The Teaching in the Testimony

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**Introduction:** The Lord has kept his promise to Paul that he would give testimony about Christ before kings. He is brought before King Agrippa, governor Festus, as well as those invited to the hearing. Paul shares his testimony of how Christ has changed his life and sent him on mission to preach this life changing message.

### Text: Acts 26

#### Discussion:

1. Icebreaker: When have you ever shared or heard someone share a testimony? What did you learn from it?
2. Why did Paul consider himself fortunate to stand before King Agrippa?
3. How did Paul try to relate to the King? Where did he find common ground? Why do you think Paul made that connection?
4. A Christian testimony is typically separated into three categories. 1. My life before I met Christ. 2. How I became a Christian. 3. My life now that I am a Christian. Where do you find these three division in the life of Paul in this chapter?
5. What was his life like before he was a Christian?
6. How would you describe what ruled your life before becoming a Christian?
7. How did Paul encounter Christ?
8. How did you realize your need to repent and turn to Christ?
9. How did Paul's conversion impact his life?
10. How has your conversion impacted your life?
11. Paul's testimony was filled with teaching. We see that salvation is not a work of man but a work of God. It is supernatural. Salvation is taking someone from the kingdom of darkness and transferring them to the kingdom of light. How does the Holy Spirit open the eyes of blinded hearts? The fact that a person cannot be saved apart from the working of the Holy Spirit necessitates that we must be praying for God to pierce through the hearts of unbelievers. Who do you know that is not a believer that you need to pray that the Holy Spirit open their eyes?
12. The message Paul preached was a repentance that lead to deeds in keeping with repentance. Why is this NOT a works based salvation? How does this complement James when he says faith without works is dead?
13. Festus believed that the testimony of Paul was irrational. How does the world look at the message of the cross?
14. Why is Christianity, though supernatural, not irrational?

#### Think About it:

Your testimony is a powerful way to express the truth of the gospel. God saves people and places them on mission. Our mission is to be obedient to him and live to honor and please him. Our faith will produce works of righteousness. Our works of righteousness will never produce faith.

#### Moving Forward:

Take time this week to write out your testimony. Make sure to include scriptural truth to go along with each of the three main divisions. Make sure that Jesus is glorified and honored through your testimony and that the plan of salvation is communicated. Pay for an opportunity to share your testimony with someone.