

Week # 5
“Acts: Mission, Movement, & Mandate of the Church” Series
Cedar Grove Church – May 1, 2016

Participants Guide

Acts 23 – 28
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GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. An outline of chapters 23 to 28 of Acts was given as follows:
 - Ch. 23 – Supreme Court (v.1-11); Death Squad (v.12-22); Military Escort (v.23-24)
 - Ch. 24 – 1 Minute Testimony (v.14-16); Effective Witness (v.24-25)
 - Ch. 25 – Testifying Before Authorities (v.11-12)
 - Ch. 26 – Testifying Before Kings: Life Before Christ (v.4-11); How I Came to Christ (v.12-18); Life After Christ (v.18-23)
 - Ch. 27 – Sailing (v.1-12); Storms (v.13-26); Shipwrecked (v.27-44)
 - Ch. 28 – Snake Bit (v.1-10); House Arrest (v.16-31)

2. In Acts 24:24-27 Paul gave witness of his faith in Christ to Felix and his wife, but Felix cut him off out of fear. Do you remember anyone witnessing to you before you came to faith in Christ? How did you react to their testimony? What was it that eventually brought you to Christ in spite of your first, possibly negative, reactions?

3. In Acts 26 we see Paul’s testimony before King Agrippa – which models the three parts that every good testimony should have, whether one minute or one-half hour long. Discuss the three parts as a group and even share with each other that part of your testimony as you discuss it.
 - a) Part 1 – Life _____ Christ – Acts 26:4-11
 - b) Part 2 – How __ _____ to Christ – Acts 26:12-18
 - c) Part 3 – Life _____ Christ – Acts 26:18-23

4. In the Acts record we see new believers in Christ being called **disciples** e.g., Acts 6:1,2,7; 11:26; 14:21. What is a “disciple?” Can one be a “believer” or “Christian” and not be a “disciple?” Why or why not?
5. Some people make reference to Acts 29, which of course is not in the New Testament. Why do you think this idea is mentioned and what is our responsibility in this regard?

PRAYER TIME:

1. Make time to share needs that members may have before closing in prayer.
2. Pray especially for each other to be diligent disciples of Jesus and faithful in sharing our testimonies with others.

This Week’s Reading Assignment: Acts 23-28

Memory verse: Acts 23:6 – *“Then Paul, knowing that some of them were Sadducees and the others Pharisees, called out in the Sanhedrin, “My brothers, I am a Pharisee, descended from Pharisees. I stand on trial because of the hope of the resurrection of the dead.”*”

NEXT WEEK:

Decide as a group on your next study. It is suggested that groups do a six-week study that is being provided, entitled **“Workplace Grace: Becoming a Spiritual Influence at Work”** – which flies in the face of almost everything you’ve ever heard about evangelism. It’s written for Christians who don’t think they have a gift for outreach but want their lives to impact the people around them. It offers a biblical model for evangelism that respects the unique relationships you have with your coworkers, clients, and customers.

This study will take you through May to mid-June. Talk about what your group is going to do next.