



CHAPTER FIVE

TELLING YOUR STORY

PAUL

Acts chapter 26

Read **Acts 26v1-3**

1. Describe the setting in which Paul shares his testimony.

Read **Acts 26v4-11**

2. What was Paul’s (Saul’s) behaviour and attitude like before he became a Christian?

3. What do you think Paul was most ashamed of in his pre-conversion life?

4. Have you experienced a significant lifestyle change since you became a Christian? Can it be helpful for non-believers and Christians alike to hear about the realities of your past? Explain your answer.

Read **Acts 26v12-18**

5. Describe Paul's conversion.

The Bible commentator William Barclay states that in the Middle Eastern culture in this era at midday, normally businesses relaxed and often people took a siesta.

6. What does it tell us about Saul, that he was travelling at this time of day?

7. Why do you think Jesus chose to speak in Aramaic, the common language, rather than Hebrew, that Saul would have considered a sacred language? (**Acts 26v14**)

8. Why did Jesus accuse Saul of persecuting Him when prior to this encounter Saul had probably never met Jesus? (**Acts 26v15**)

Read **Acts 26v19-23**

9. How did Paul's life change as a result of becoming a Christian?

10. How would you summarise Paul's mission in Christ's service?

11. Has God called you to a mission in his service? What does it involve?

12. Do you think that as Paul speaks he hopes to convert King Agrippa? (The remaining verses of the chapter give further insight.)

Telling your story.

Based on the model that Paul uses, take some time as part of your Bible study to jot down your testimony of how you became a Christian. After this, have a few people share their story with the group.

A. Describe your life before you became a Christian.

B. How did you become a Christian? (If you grew up in a Christian home and feel you always knew the Lord then describe a significant moment when you drew closer to Christ.)

C. How has your life changed since you became a Christian?
