

## The Courageous Witness-Part 1

Text: Acts 21:27-22:29

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### Big Idea:

#### Context is key!

#### Question #1 (Context)

*Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?*

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

#### Question #2 (Context)

*Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?*

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

#### Question #3

- a) What does it mean that God is sovereign over all things?
- b) Why is God's sovereignty such a gift for us, and for our witness in Him?

The courageous witness trusts God...

#### Point 1: Has an \_\_\_\_\_! (21:27-36)

*Question: God doesn't do random. Will you trust He has a plan for that moment? Sermon Notes...*

#### Question #4

- a) **21:27-36:** How would your witness change in: home, workplace, shopping, etc. if you remembered that God doesn't have you there randomly and He has a plan for that moment with those people?
- b) Ask God to increase your faith to trust that He has you where you are by His design; and pray for a positioned heart to be ready for witness.

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#### Point 2: Gave an \_\_\_\_\_! (21:37-22:21)

*Question: God wastes nothing and will use it for His glory. Will you trust His work and testify? Sermon Notes...*

*Undeniable Platform...*

i) \_\_\_\_\_ Common \_\_\_\_\_ (21:39b-22:5)

ii) \_\_\_\_\_ what Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ (22:6-11)

iii) \_\_\_\_\_ what Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ (22:12-16)

### Question #5

- a) **21:37-22:21**: Discuss the 3 ways Paul gives a faithful proclamation of the gospel (See above!).
- b) Have you ever felt that your testimony of God's work in your life is not sufficient to witness to others from? If so, why is that? According to His Word, is that true of your testimony?
- c) Spend time journaling before the Lord, asking Him to help you see how He has not wasted anything of what He has happened in your life.

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**Point 3: Has an \_\_\_\_\_! (22:17-27)**

*Question: Even when you can't see it, God has purposed it. Will you trust it's in His hands? Sermon Notes...*

### Question #6

- a) **22:17-27**: How does the crowd respond to Paul's testimony?
- b) Does the crowd's reaction show that Paul's witness to them was a failure? Why or why not?
- c) How should trusting that God has purposed every response to our witness, strengthen our courage in our witness?

### Question #7

I hope you have each had an incredible time at Winter Camp this year! Spend time discussing as a group how you see the Lord using what happened at the retreat to grow your platform to witness the gospel to those around you.

### Prayer Application

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying out of **Acts**

**21:27-22:29...**

- a) ADORATION: Lord, You are the sovereign God who \_\_\_\_\_ .
- b) CONFESSION: Lord, I repent of my unbelief in your sovereignty when \_\_\_\_\_ . I repent of my lack of courage in sharing the gospel to \_\_\_\_\_ .
- c) THANKSGIVING: Lord, I thank you for your sovereign work in my life by \_\_\_\_\_ .
- d) SUPPLICATION: Lord, I ask for increased faith in your sovereignty, and courage to witness to \_\_\_\_\_ .

*Memory Verse:*

*"... 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.' "-Isaiah 46:10b*