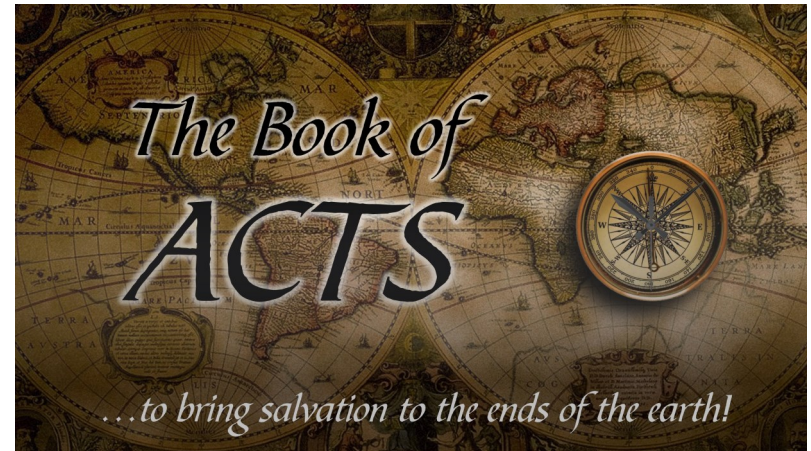


As you look back at your life, can you identify areas where God has changed how you think and/or act? Describe that to the group.

What would you say if you were using your personal story to tell others about God's love and power? Share that with the group.

Prayer Requests



February 18, 2024 • Acts 22 • Paul's First Defense

Scripture References

Acts 22 • 2 Corinthians 5:17

Ephesians 4:13 • 1 Thessalonians 4:1

- 1) *apologia*: Greek, meaning a reasoned argument or writing in _____ of something, typically a theory or religious doctrine.
- 2) In that sense, an apology is not saying, "I was wrong," it's saying, "I'm right, and _____."
- 3) Jesus appears to Paul in a vision for the second time, and Paul _____ with Jesus.

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- 4) An ancient Jewish way of expressing offense and emotional _____ is to take off clothes and throw dust in the air.
- 5) The changes God makes in our lives are seldom _____, but as time goes by we can look to the past and see amazing changes.
- 6) The Resurrection brought profound changes in the lives of the disciples, including _____ on Sunday instead of Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath.
- 7) To the Jews, it would have looked like the followers of Jesus abandoning Judaism, but the disciples would have said Jesus _____ Judaism.
- 8) 1 Thessalonians 4:1 - Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God, as we have taught you. You live this way already, and we encourage you to do so _____.



Small Group Discussion Questions

Please try to think these over and jot down some ideas prior to discussing them at the meeting, it will improve the discussion.

The Greek word *apologia* means to present a defense. Have you ever used apologetics to strengthen your own faith or to encourage someone else? Share that with the group.

Question 3, based on Acts 22:17-21, says Paul “argues” with Jesus about his mission. How do you understand the word “argument?” Does Paul’s statement qualify as an argument? Why or why not?

Did Paul just happen to be born in Tarsus or did God cause him to be born there as Roman citizen?

Continued on reverse.