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## Memory Verse - Romans 1:16

*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."*

### Study Aim

- To learn what a personal testimony is and how we can use it effectively to share the Gospel.
- To learn the importance of asking to hear other people's stories and how doing this can easily lead into Gospel conversations.
- Read Acts 26:1-28

### Set the Stage

- The last command that Jesus gave to the church was to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)
  - This is vital and important. We must give ourselves intentionally to sharing the Gospel with other people.
- *Why do we shy away from sharing the Gospel with others? What keeps us from fulfilling Jesus' last command?*
- *What are some ways that you can share the Gospel with people?*

## THE BIBLE WAY TO HEAVEN

### Realize That God Loves You.

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* (John 3:16).

### The Bible Says That All Men Are Sinners.

*"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."* (Romans 3:23).

### God's Word Also Says That Sin Must Be Paid For.

*"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord"* (Romans 6:23).

### The Good News Is That Jesus Christ Paid for Your Sins.

*"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."* (Romans 5:8).

### You Must Personally Call on Jesus Christ to Save You.

The Bible Says, *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."* (Romans 10:13).

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### Take it to the Next Level

#### 1. Who you were before Jesus (vs. 4-5, 8-11)

- You were a sinner with a broken relationship with God. You had no purpose or meaning.

- *Why is it important to tell who you were before Jesus?*

#### 2. How you came to Jesus. (vs. 12-15)

- Share who Jesus is, why you need Him, and what he did for us on the cross. Be clear about how you made a decision to call or believe on Jesus.

- *As you listen, why is it so important to know if they have made a decision to call or believe on Jesus?*

#### 3. What Jesus has done in your life since. (vs. 16-20, 28)

- Tell them what he has done in your life. This is where you can inspire them and encourage them to call on Jesus Christ.

### Take Your Next Step

#### • Write out your personal testimony.

- Take the time to think through your story and write out each of the stages. Become very familiar with it.

#### • Ask someone what their story is this week.

- Listen closely to hear where they are at.

#### • Share your personal testimony with someone this week.

- Find a close friend to share it with to get comfortable. Then, find opportunities to share it with other people for the purpose of sharing the Gospel.

### Taking it Further

- Take 2-3 minutes and share with your small group your personal testimony. Listen closely as each person shares theirs.

- What are ways that you can ask others for their personal testimony?