THE BOOK OF

ACTS

GROUP DISCUSSION | Week 12: The Impact of Stories

SERIES OVERVIEW

In this series, we examine the remarkable spread of the Gospel and the Kingdom of God from Jerusalem, to Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth...and how we fit into the story God is continuing to write through His Church.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

Think of this discussion guide as a springboard. Use what's helpful to your group!

CONNECTION

Brennan shared a story about a situation he struggled to overcome in pursuit of a Black Belt. What's a recent challenge you've faced in life? Share with the group.

TRUTH

Acts 26 | Either have someone read the chapter, pause and provide time for everyone to silently read on their own, or have someone give a summary of the chapter.

Paul is presented with an opportunity to share his story in front of King Agrippa and seizes the moment. What does Paul's defense before King Agrippa reveal about his faith and beliefs?

In what ways did Paul's background and personal experiences shape his ministry and message?

How does Paul address the accusations against him, and what is his defense strategy? What is the significance of Paul's encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus, and how does he use it to defend his actions?

How does Paul's approach to evangelism and preaching differ from that of the Jewish leaders, and what does this reveal about his understanding of the gospel message?

What is the importance of Paul's appeal to King Agrippa to believe in Jesus, and what can we learn from his approach to sharing the gospel with different audiences?

APPLICATION

How does Paul's testimony challenge our own understanding of faith and belief, and what lessons can we apply to our own lives as we seek to follow Jesus?

What does Acts 26 teach us about the power of God to transform lives and use even our weaknesses for His glory?

What do you find challenging about sharing your story?

Brennan shared a guide for sharing your testimony. Consider these and try to mold a 2 minute version of your by using these prompts:

- What was your life like before Jesus? BC
- What was the moment Jesus got a hold of you? The CROSS
- How has your life changed since Jesus? AD

PRAYER

Spend time praying for opportunities to share our stories of life change through Jesus and the boldness to seize those moments.