

L I F E A P P L I C A T I O N

In 1 Peter 3:15, we are urged to always be “prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you”. Use the following questions to write out an outline for your personal testimony and to share it with others.

1. How would you describe your life before you became a Christian? What was your focus? What did you believe about God at that point in your life?
2. How did you become a Christian? What led to your conversion? Did someone share the gospel with you? How, when, where? How did you respond?
3. What changes has God made in your life since you became a Christian? What do you believe God’s plan for your life is now?

SERMON SERIES: THE CHURCH’S CHALLENGE

Sermon Message: What Happens When God’s Will Is

Done On Earth—The Challenge of Diversity

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Today’s Scripture Reading: Psalm 135:5-6

Next Week: Acts 22:30-23:35

THE VERY _____ OF THE GOSPEL CREATES DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH.

Acts 21:37-22:21 (Pew bible pages 789-790)

**UNTIL WE RELATE TO ONE ANOTHER AS _____
RELATES TO US, WE WILL NEVER RELATE RIGHTLY.**

Acts 22:22-29 (Pew bible page 790)

Matthew 25:32-33 (Pew bible page 702)

Revelation 7:9-12 (Pew bible page 871)

NOTE: Be sure and check out Pastor Jason’s blogspot at pastorjasonpettus.blogspot.com. Check for updates every Monday. You can post comments and ask questions about what you’ve read, heard, and discussed.

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This study guide is a resource for your Small Group to use for further study about today's sermon. If you need to find a Small Group, please contact Richard Carwile at rcarwile@lhbg.org or 843-9462. You can view a list of our Small Groups at www.livinghopewired.com.

O V E R V I E W

- 1) This past week, Pastor Jason preached from Acts 21:37-22:29; "The Challenge of Diversity". What did you learn from his message?
- 2) In Acts 21:1-21, Paul shares his testimony of how he became a Christian. When was the last time you shared your testimony with someone? How did they respond?

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Read Acts 21:37-22:29 and discuss the following questions:

- 1) In Acts 21:1, Paul urges the crowd to listen to his "defense"? What was Paul defending?
- 2) How does Paul describe the life he lived before becoming a Christian in Acts 22:3-5?
- 3) How does Paul describe his conversion experience in Acts 22:6-11? Why did he begin to follow Christ?
- 4) In Acts 22:12-21, Paul shares about the events that occurred after his conversion. What details does he share?
- 5) How does the crowd respond to Paul's claim that God told him to take the gospel to the Gentiles (v.21-24)? Why do you think they reacted this way?