



SERMON NOTES

Personal Evangelism Tacklebox: Your Story Is Your Tackle | Acts 22:1-15

Big Idea: The more prepared you are to share the gospel, the more likely you are to share, and the more effective you will be when you share.

Acts 22:3-15

3 I am verily a man *which am* a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day. 4 And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women. 5 As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished. 6 And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me. 7 And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 8 And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest. 9 And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me. 10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do. 11 And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus. 12 And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt *there*, 13 Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him. 14 And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth. 15 For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.

1. WHY WE FISH - The Glory of God and the Love of God

- The supreme motivation for evangelism finds its origins in _____ evangelism is about.
- The stars can show that God is great. Only we can tell them that He is _____. [Ps. 19:1-3]
- The love of God _____ them. It made silence impossible. [Jn. 3:16; 2 Pet. 3:9]

2. THE TACKLE - Sharing Your Testimony

The Hook Under Every Lure [1 Cor. 15:3-4]

- Three facts: Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, _____ for our sins, was _____, and _____ on the third day. It must be proclaimed.
- The bait lures them in. The hook is what _____ them.

MYTH: My story is not dramatic enough to matter.

THE TRUTH: Every genuine conversion is a _____.

Three Parts of Your Testimony [Acts 22:1-21]

A. My Life _____ Christ. [vss. 3-5]

- He does not _____ the before, and he does not _____ it.

B. How I _____ Christ as Savior. [vss. 6-13]

- A good testimony is not _____. It has a when, a where, and a _____.

C. How Christ _____ My Life. [vss. 14-15]

- A genuine conversion produces not just _____, but _____.

Why Your Testimony Works:

- It builds a _____ Jesus can walk across into the heart of the lost person.
- You are a satisfied _____, not a professional _____.

Guidelines for sharing your testimony:

Write it out · Be brief · Don't exaggerate or glorify your past · Practice the one-minute version · End with the bridge question: "Has anything like this ever happened to you?"

3. THE FISHERMAN – Integrity

"Character is what you are in the dark." - D.L. Moody

- Your testimony is only as powerful as the _____ that backs it up.
- **This week:** write out your testimony. Pray over it. And ask God to show you any place where your life and your story do not yet match. Pray for B.O.B. - **Burden Opportunity Boldness**