

S.G. Study Guide: *To the End of the Earth.* Acts 21:37-22:29

Opening Thought: Good sales involve having an “elevator speech” which is a pitch able to be said in the time of an elevator ride. Present “elevator speech” style testimonies to each other.

1. The Gospel: Strategically sharing our apologetic. (21:37-22:2)

- What strategy did Paul use to share his testimony? How can we apply this to our lives today?
- How did Paul address the Jewish crowd? What is the significance? Compare Paul’s defense with Stephen’s.
- What is a “defense”? Can it be an elevator speech?

2. The Gospel: Sharing our redemption story for God’s renown. (22:3-21)

- Paul gives 3-points to his redemption apologetic:
 1. ***Paul before Christ:*** Who was Paul before Christ? Why is our “BC” story important? How can we share our BC apologetic in a way that glorifies the work of Christ and not our sinful lifestyles?
 2. ***Paul confronted by Christ:*** What is the crux of Paul’s apologetic? What does his confrontation with Christ teach us about sin and salvation? A true apologetic includes both “head” and “heart” knowledge. How does Paul model and teach this according to Acts 22 and 1 Tim. 3:16?
 3. ***Paul in Christ:*** What does Paul mean by “in Christ”? What three things does Paul teach on the process of salvation? How does this teach us salvation in God alone, by faith alone and not by works? (Eph. 2:8-10)

3. The Gospel: A message for all humanity. (22:22-29)

- Why did the crowd stop listening to Paul? How does Paul fulfill the Isaiah 59 prophecy with the gospel ministry? (Acts 22:17-21) How might we do the same? (Matt. 5:14)
- Discuss: *The church is called to reach the lost, not make a country club!* How did the crowd confirm their goal was the latter and not the former? How do we avoid this error?