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3. Paul's Jewish heritage. 3a
4. His education. 3b
5. His zeal. 3c
6. Examples of his zeal. 4
 - a. P _____
 - b. I _____
7. Witnesses of his zeal. 5a
 - a. High _____
 - b. (1st Century) Knesset (_____)
8. His travel in pursuit of his zeal. 5b
 - a. His _____
 - b. His _____
 - c. His _____

B. Paul's Dramatic Conversion to Jesus. 22:6-11

1. His approach to Damascus. 6a
2. The bright light. 6b
3. The stunning effect. 7a
4. The questioning voice. 7b
5. His request for identity. 8a
6. The surprising answer. 8b
 - a. When people persecute _____, they are persecuting _____!
7. The experience of the others. 9
8. His request for direction. 10a
9. The Lord's reply. 10b
10. The effects of the encounter. 11
 - a. B _____
 - b. Needing _____

C. Paul's Instruction from Ananias. 22:12-16

1. The description of Ananias. 12

2. The arrival of Ananias. 13a
3. The speech of Ananias. 13b-16
 - a. Restoring his _____. 13b
 - b. God's _____. 14
 - c. Be a _____! 15
 - d. _____ now! 16

D. Jesus Sent Paul to the Gentiles. 22:17-21

1. The time of the assignment. 17
2. He whom Paul saw. 18a
 - a. The audible _____. 18b
 - b. The _____ given. 18c
3. Paul's protest. 19-20
 - a. His _____. 19
 - b. His _____. 20
4. The fateful command. 21

E. The Mob Yells for the Death Penalty. 22:22-23

1. Their attention. 22a
2. Their deadly verdict. 22b
3. Their demonstrative behavior. 23

F. The Chiliarch Seeks to Examine Paul by Scourging. 22:24-29

1. The Chiliarch's order. 24
2. Paul questions the Centurion. 25
3. The Centurion's alarm. 26
4. The Chiliarch converses with Paul. 27-28
5. The fear of the Chiliarch. 29

G. Personal Application

1. Many who _____ they are doing God's work are actually working _____ Him.
2. Jesus works in your life to get your _____.
3. You will have a life-changing _____ to make.
4. If you let Jesus run your life, it will change the way you do _____!
5. This will mean putting Jesus before your old _____.
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