

We, the body of Christ called Columbia, continue our exploration of the church, with a different twist this week. Last week, we had a glimpse of what the apostles were willing to endure as they partnered with Christ to share the gospel to the world around them. This week, some members of our Russian sister church will be sharing testimonies of their Christian experiences with us.

1. Throughout the book of Acts, Luke records statements of various believers as they share their experiences with Jesus Christ. As you examine these passages look for common and unique elements in each individual's expression of faith.

2. Read **Acts 2:14-40**. What is the incident that gives Peter the attention of his audience for this passage, which is sometimes called Peter's first sermon?

3. Read **Acts 3:11-26**, Peter's second sermon. What differences do you find between this passage and the previous one? What are the personal points, if any, you find in these recorded statements of one who walked with Jesus?

4. Read **Acts 4:19-20**.

- What is Peter's response to the threats of the leaders?
- What are the things of which Peter says he and the others must speak?
- What would God have you to tell others?

5. Read Acts 5:29-32. What is the basis of Peter's testimony here?

6. Read **Acts 22:1-21**. How does Paul relate to the Jewish crowd?

7. Read **Acts 24:10-21**. How does Paul's testimony before the Roman governor differ from his statements to his fellow Jews in the previous passage?

8. Read **Acts 26:1-29**. Is Paul's testimony here more like the one in **Acts 22** or in **Acts 24**? What are the personal elements you find here?

9. Look at **John 9:24-33**. What is the foundation of this man's testimony?

10. As you consider your own experiences with Jesus Christ, how might you relate them to others? What elements from the testimonies of Peter and Paul are common to your own?

Pray for Columbians who worship in the various language congregations, including our English-speaking ones. Continue to pray that the Columbia@Crossroads launch and the church's first services at Easter will be a mighty success and an awesome example of God's power.