

Focus Points

"Focus Points" are short activities that draw students into the lesson. They take only a few minutes to do. Many can be used as quick-start activities to engage the students and focus their attention at the beginning of class. Others may fit well during the lesson to reinforce a point and drive it home. Still others may serve as good wrap-up activities. "Focus Points" come in many forms. Choose and use them as you see fit.

Focus Point – Preaching in Rome

Isaiah 6:9-10 *And he said,
"Go, and say to this people:
Keep on hearing, but do not understand;
keep on seeing, but do not perceive.'
Make the heart of this people dull,
and their ears heavy,
and blind their eyes;
lest they see with their eyes,
and hear with their ears,
and understand with their hearts,
and turn and be healed."*

Give everyone a blank file card. Have your students open their Bibles to Isaiah 6:9-10 and write the passage on their cards. Challenge them to (1) find where this passage is cited in the book of Acts, and (2) find out why it is cited there.

Allow four or five minutes for them to answer the question in writing. Then discuss their answers. How is the Isaiah passage appropriate in the Acts context?

If necessary, remind your students that they need to use cross-references.