

5. a. Summarize the gist of what Paul said to Agrippa (26:2-23).

b. Meditate on 26:16-18 this week. What difference do these truths make to your life, your actions, and your attitudes?

c. In 26:17-18, Jesus tells what He will do for people. What must they do in response (26:20)? What is the significance of our subsequent deeds according to this passage?

Let's Pray:

Sermon Notes

"Four Ways to Reject the Gospel"

Acts 23 – 26

June 2, 2019

Flow of the narrative: Arrest. Testimony. Rack. Sanhedrin. Plot. Transferred. Hearings. Appeal. Advice. Agrippa. Sailing. Shipwreck. Rome.

Cast:



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Name	Title	Characteristics	Tactic
Ananias	Chief Priest		
Felix	Governor		
Festus	Governor		
Agrippa	King		

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 06-02-19

Questions adapted from Phyllis J. Le Peau, Acts: Seeing God's Power in Action, A LifeGuide Bible Study, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 2002, pp. 68-76; James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 217-20; Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., Acts: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1987, pp. 187-196.

Getting Started:

1. How did you and your siblings settle most of your disputes while you were growing up?

Digging Deeper:

Read Acts 23 – 26 prayerfully, observing how Paul acted before governors and kings and imagining yourself in his place.

2. a. Why was it so important to Paul to keep a clear conscience before God and man (23:1; 24:16)?

- b. Is this important to you? Is so, why? How do you show it?

3. a. How did his expectation of resurrection and possible judgement affect Paul (24:15-16)?

- b. How did this idea affect Felix (24:25)? Why do you think Felix responded to the gospel as he did?

- c. Why do you think the prospect of judgment affected these men so differently?

4. a. Paul remains incarcerated on false charges (24:13; 25:7, 10) for over two years (24:27) as a political favor (24:27; 25:3, 9). Take note of the assessment of Paul's guilt in these passages (23:9, 29; 25:18-19, 25-27; 26:31-32). For each passage, note the official and what they said.

- b. When in the past have you had to wait for justice? In what areas of your life do you need to wait for the Lord's timing?