

Q: (v.18) how does Paul describe non-believers?

Q: (v.20) How does Paul describe how anyone can turn to Christ?

Q: (v.22) Where does Paul's help come from? What does he share about Jesus?

Q: Why does Governor Festus think Paul is crazy? _____

Q: How then does Paul, in front of the entire audience of dignitaries, try to persuade King Agrippa, Festus and everyone else to accept Christ as Savior and Lord? _____

People love a story and are especially curious about a changed life. What opportunity have you had to share your faith journey with others and how did you invite them to receive Christ? Pray for more opportunities to share your story and point others to Jesus! _____

PRAY: Lord thank you for searching for and rescuing me, and changing my life forever. Help me to write down my faith journey and be ready to share it with others, to point them to You. Empower me through your Holy Spirit. Give me boldness and your words to speak. For your glory and honor, in Jesus' name, amen!



Harvest Growing Deeper

Evangelical Free Church

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(for personal and/or small group study)*

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Acts 25 & 26

Sometimes it seems hard to let go of a grudge. This seems to affect everyone from politicians, movie stars, athletes, those at work, or in your family, etc. Zealous Jews in Paul's day kept a grudge for over 2 years as he was confined in prison. They still want Paul dead, because they don't like the message he preaches about Jesus Messiah being the Savior of the world.

Q: How have you experienced effects of carrying a grudge (either from you or against you)? How did you handle that?

Q: The Jews still carried a grudge and wanted Paul killed. They didn't have proof (v.7). What advantage would they hope to gain by approaching the new governor Festus right after taking over?

Q: A Roman judge could not move a case to another court without the consent of the accused (Paul). Why would Paul refuse to be tried again in Jerusalem? What did Paul do instead (v.11)?

*Ironically, by using his rights as a Roman citizen and appealing to be tried before Caesar (like going before our Supreme Court), Paul forced the Romans to guard him and take him to Rome, where Jesus is sending him (23:11).

*King Agrippa came from Jerusalem to meet the new Governor Festus, and while there, Festus wanted him to hear Paul's case so he could send some guidance to Caesar as to why Paul is being sent to him.

Q: How did Festus describe Paul's dispute with his accusers? (see v.19).

Q: King Agrippa arrived in all his pomp with all the royal dignitaries as well. How intimidating could this have been for Paul? How do we see his character and confidence in Christ displayed throughout these proceedings?

Q: (26:1-3) In chapter 26, Paul demonstrates why all believers need to be able to clearly express what they believe and how they came to Christ. How does Paul begin his defense? What attitude does he take before the king?

Q: How can we learn to build bridges to the many different people we can share our faith journey with?

Q: (26:4-12) How does Paul describe his life before meeting Christ? What is the hope Paul describes in vv.6-7?

Q: How would you describe your life prior to receiving Christ as Savior and Lord?

Q: (vv.13-18) Describe how Paul comes to follow Christ. (see Acts 9 & 22). Even though Paul was blinded in that moment, what became very clear to Paul, regarding Jesus?

Q: (vv.16-23) What is Paul's new purpose in life? How has Christ changed his life?

Q: How has Christ changed your life, your way of thinking, your attitude, your hope and values, how you view God and His Word, etc.?

Q: Look at vv.16-23 again. How does Paul share the gospel in his testimony? Write down how you can share the gospel in your testimony as well.
