

# ACTS 25:23-26:32

## BACKGROUND

The last time we saw Paul in Acts 20 he was tearfully saying farewell to the Elders of the church in Ephesus. From there he set sail for Jerusalem and upon arriving he was greeted by a chaotic ambush of Jews who were angry about him preaching the gospel of Jesus. This eventually led to Paul being arrested by the Romans and eventually being transferred as a prisoner to the city of Caesarea to be held by the Roman Governor named Felix. After being in jail for 2 years, Felix was succeeded by Governor Festus and one day the Roman King of the territory named Agrippa rolled into town. King Agrippa was curious about Paul after hearing about him from Festus, so Festus decided to bring Paul to him to hear him speak.

## PRAY

## PLEASE READ ACTS 25:23-26:32

## SHARE OBSERVATIONS (Who? What? When? Where? Repeating words, phrases, & themes?)

## QUESTIONS

1. In v4-11, Paul is sharing about what his life was like before he surrendered to Jesus. If you're comfortable sharing, what was your life like before you surrendered to Jesus in regard to your feelings, attitudes, actions, and relationships? And in hindsight, what were some ways God began drawing you to Christ?
2. In 26:12-18, Paul shares about his conversion when he began following Jesus as his forgiver and leader. If you're comfortable sharing, what did this experience/process look like for you?
3. In 26:19-23, Paul shares about what his new life has looked like after surrendering himself to the lordship of Jesus. If you're comfortable sharing, what has this looked like for you? For example, in what ways have your feelings, attitudes, actions, and relationships been slowly but progressively transformed by God?
4. In 26:27, Paul ends by asking a non-threatening question that requires a response. Why do you think Paul did this? And what are some ways that you can do this without making your friends feel cornered or pressured?
5. In this passage, Paul is sharing his story with people who aren't followers of Jesus. Why do you think that sharing our story with people like this is often a powerful and effective way of communicating about Jesus? What are some false beliefs that keep us from doing this and what truths of the gospel do we need to believe instead?
6. What are some ways we can be praying for each other?