

Reflecting on Acts 26

Discussion Questions | November 13, 2022

Introduction: In chapter 26, Paul gives his final defense before Festus, King Agrippa and his sister, Bernice. Throughout his testimony, he clearly states what the gospel is, and gives a clear invitation to his audience.

1. **Read Acts 26:6-8, 22-23.** In these verses, Paul explains that he is on trial, "because of [his] hope in the promise made by God to our fathers;" that is, "what Moses said would come to pass."
 - How does the Old Testament (particularly the first five books) point to Christ's death and resurrection?

 - Why is it essential to speak of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in our gospel presentations? To ask the question a different way, is it possible to give a full gospel presentation without addressing the cross and resurrection?

2. **Read Acts 26:8.** What amazes you most about the resurrection? How does this reality impact your life today?

3. **Read Acts 26:24 and 1 Corinthians 1:18ff.** Festus tells Paul that he is out of his mind, specifically because of his theological training. How does Paul respond to these comments, and to whom does he focus his testimony? From this exchange, what are some lessons can we learn about effective evangelism?

4. **Read Acts 26:29.** In this verse, Paul clearly proclaims his desire for all people to trust in Jesus for salvation. What are some practical ways for us to evidence a similar passion for the lost? Answer this question for yourself (individually) and also for our church (corporately).

5. **Read Acts 26:32.** This chapter ends with Agrippa declaring that Paul could have been set free had he not appealed to Caesar. As a review from last week, why is Paul ultimately headed to Rome? What can his circumstances teach us about God's purposes in our lives?