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## Episode 13: Are You Trying to Convert Me?

### *Acts Chapters 25 & 26*

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*Small Group Discussion Questions*

#### Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

#### Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

#### Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

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#### Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

*Take some time to look up and read out loud together: Acts Chapters 23 & 24*

1. Why does Paul appeal to Caesar in 23:11?
2. Why does Paul say to King Agrippa, “Do you believe the Prophets? I know you do.” (vs 26:27)?

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#### Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

*How do the scriptures connect to everyday life.*

3. Just as Paul anchors his testimony and his defense in the fact that his message is from God, how do you anchor your hope in the Gospel in the truthfulness of Scripture?
4. What is it about the message of the Gospel that “opens people’s eyes” to the reality of sin, Satan’s influence, and their need to be made right with God through forgiveness and repentance?
5. We’ve all heard the emphasis to Christians to share the Good News. What are the practical ways we can intentionally try to obey that command of Jesus?
6. The Bible is full of invitation: “Choose you this day who you will serve” (Joshua 24:15), “Come to me all you who are weary...and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). Faith comes from an invitation to receive what only God can give in the Gospel. What does that invitation mean for you and those in this group?

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#### Surrender: *Responding to God’s voice.*

7. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?  
**\*\* Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today \*\***