

CONNECT GROUP NOTES

For the week of March 3, 2019

Quick Review

Sunday John taught this big idea from Acts 25-26: *choose this day to trust God's providence.*

And these 4 main points were made from the text:

1. God's providence kept Paul before Festus - ch 25
2. God's providence kept Paul at his defense - ch 26:1-8
3. God's providence in his personal encounter with God - ch 26:12-18
4. God's providence in Paul's obedience to God's call - ch 26:19-23
5. God's providence in Agrippa's response - ch 26:24-32

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, what are some of the points, Bible verses, etc. that really stood out to you?

Your Story

Remember to write out a simple outline of "Your Story." Come to the equipping opportunity in March 31.

- Your story before knowing Jesus Christ.
- Your story how you came to know Jesus Christ.
- Your story after knowing Jesus Christ.

What did you think of the Ravi Zacharias quote John used, "God's providence is a soft pillow?" What do you think that phrase means? What's the take away?

Digging Deeper

1. Take a look at Jesus at His trials. Read John 18:28-38. Do you see a similarity between Pilate and Agrippa? (Read Acts 26:24-32) Who are Pilate and Agrippa today in our culture? Those **almost persuaded** and **seekers of truth**?

How do we reach this culture? Discuss these three areas of witness:

Social Media Personal Relationships Local Church

Pastor John called it, "almost is not at all" concerning believing the gospel. Do you know people in this category?

2. In Acts 26:17-18, we have a unique element of Paul's testimony not in the other two stories (Acts 9 and 22). Do you agree that before Jesus, people are blind? Live in darkness? And are under the power of Satan?
3. Do you feel equipped to do Great Commission work? If not, how did you get equipped? And if not, would you be willing to be equipped?
4. Could you witness to someone sharing your story?

Take it Home

How can you/we live this message out?

Prayer Requests

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