

Paul Before Agrippa - Acts 25:23-26:32

Topics: Accusation, Advice, Beliefs, Fairness, God, Jesus Christ, Opposition, People, Persecution, Position, Power, Religion, Serving, Witnessing

Open It

- * 1. What is one story from your past that you enjoy telling?
- 2. What sorts of ceremonial events have you attended?
- 3. If you could spend an evening with any president, prime minister, or other national leader, whom would you choose?

Explore It

- 4. How did Agrippa and Bernice use the occasion of their meeting with Paul to display their position and power? (25:23)
- 5. Who commanded Paul to be brought in? (25:23)
- 6. How was this meeting a fulfillment of the prophecy in Luke 21:12? (25:23)
- 7. How did Festus open the proceedings? (25:24-26)
- 8. In opening the proceedings, what did Festus say to his royal guests? (25:24-26)
- 9. Why did Festus bring Paul before this group? (25:26-27)
- 10. How had Festus become tangled in a difficulty of his own making? (25:25-27)
- 11. How did Paul begin his address to Agrippa? (26:1-3)
- 12. What did Paul say about his early years in Judaism? (26:4-8)
- 13. What was Paul's obsession before his conversion? (26:9-11)
- * 14. How did Paul describe his conversion and new life? (26:12-18)
- 15. How did Paul fulfill his commission? (26:19-23)
- * 16. How did Paul deal with Festus and Agrippa during his speech? (26:24-29)
- * 17. How did Paul conclude his defense? (26:29)
- 18. What did Agrippa—a man well-trained in Judaism—conclude about Paul? (26:31-32)

Get It

- 19. How are some Christians like Agrippa and Bernice?
- 20. How did Festus use Paul to placate the Jews?
- 21. How did Agrippa's background and experience help Festus deal with Paul?
- 22. When you need the right kind of help, how do you go about getting it?
- 23. Why do you think Festus brought Paul's case before Agrippa and Bernice?
- 24. What was Paul's primary goal in his speech?
- * 25. How did Paul tailor his message to the audience and situation he faced?
- 26. How did Paul take advantage of his wretched, unjust situation?
- 27. What should be our objective when we tell others about the way we came to believe?
- * 28. How can we use stories of our own experience to share the message of Christ?
- 29. How do you think you would have reacted to Paul's testimony if you had been in the audience?

Apply It

- 30. Why is it important to pray for your political leaders?
- * 31. What story of God's working in your life can you rehearse for sharing with others?
- 32. This week, how can you support a minister of the gospel who is in trying circumstances?