



## **ACTS CHAPTER 25 (FACILITATOR)**

### **Discussion Starter**

- What is one of the most important decisions you have ever had to make? How did you make that decision?
- **Opening Prayer**
  - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

### **Tell the Story**

#### **Read the Story (Acts 25:1-27)**

Read out loud as a group, 5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

#### **Breaking it Down**

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#### **Acts 25:1-7**

- How did Festus as a Roman demonstrate that he had more character and integrity than the Jewish leaders and why is this significant?
  - Festus was open and willing to seek justice rather than getting caught up in showing favoritism to the Jewish leaders and what they wanted. This is important because the Jewish leaders were the ones who "should have been expected" to have more character and integrity as the people of God rather than a Roman leader and yet, this clearly was not the case.
    - Have there been times when your perspective about someone has been flat out wrong? How did you respond?
      - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.

#### **Acts 25:8-12**



- How did Paul exercise both wisdom and discernment in his defense and in his request to appeal to Caesar and going to Rome?
  - Paul first held up both his life and example as having nothing in them that supported what the Jews were saying. He also knew that he was not going to receive a fair trial in Caesarea, and this prompted his request for his case to be heard in Rome.
    - How does your life point to the Father in ways that demonstrate that He has given you wisdom and discretion?
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#### **Acts 25:13-22**

- How did Paul's example provide him with excellent and opportune platforms upon which to share Jesus and His message?
  - When we take time to really consider the dialogue between Festus and King Agrippa, it is truly incredible because we are able to see two leaders in the Roman government who are able to hear more about the message of Jesus, simply because of Paul's commitment to proclaiming the truth about Jesus. All of the leaders that saw and heard Paul certainly didn't put their faith in Jesus and make commitments to Him and yet, there are tremendous lessons in the life of Paul regarding how he utilized all the platforms that he was provided and how he created opportunities to share Jesus.
    - How do you use the platforms that you have been given to share Jesus and His message? How do you create opportunities to share Jesus and His message?
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#### **Acts 25:23-27**



- Reread Acts 25:23-27 focusing especially on verse 23. How would you describe the scene that Paul is brought into? What thoughts and feelings do you think you would have had if you were in Paul's position?
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    - How do you typically respond when you have opportunities to share the message of Jesus? Do you have any fears and/or reluctance in doing this? How do you push through those fears and/or reluctance?
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### **Final Application**

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

### **Closing & Prayer Requests**

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