

ACTS

Bible Study

2018-2019



Lesson: 30
Acts 25

Read this week's scripture and answer the questions below. As you read, consider how these verses fit into what you are seeing or experiencing today. Prepare to share with your small group anything that jumped out at you, confused you, encouraged you, challenged or convicted you.

Wednesday:

Read through Acts 25. This chapter reads like an interlude, a time in-between more significant developments. We see God orchestrating details while Paul waits. Are you waiting? Have you considered the details God might be sorting in the time "in-between?" Let these thoughts lead you to prayer today.

Thursday:

Read and consider verses 1-7. A new governor and old foes face Paul; both parties will be consequential. Has God brought new developments into your life? Do any old problems persist? How might God be at work in these circumstances? Turn these thoughts to prayer today.

Friday:

Spend time with verses 8-12. Paul moves the ball. Knowing the Jew's plot against him and the hesitancy of Festus, he appeals to Caesar. Opposition and inaction actually hold opportunity. In what ways might God be calling you to move? Pray on this course of action. Share it with the brother. If there's peace and agreement, get going.

Saturday:

Take in verses 13-19; pay particular attention to verses 19. Festus recounts Paul's circumstances. He doesn't know all the details but he knows Paul claims that a "certain Jesus" is alive. If someone were trying to get a quick understanding of your life, would they learn of a "certain Jesus?" Let this question challenge you and lead you to prayer?

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Sunday:

Read and think on verses 20-22. Festus's recounting of Paul's story makes Agrippa and Bernice hope to hear Paul. This is remarkable, even more remarkable if you take time to learn more about Agrippa and his lineage. While Paul is imprisoned, God continues to bring about ways for him to spread the gospel. Sometimes we are waiting on circumstances to change and miss the opportunities in our present circumstances in front of us. Pray for eyes to see and courage to act.

Monday:

Consider verse 23. Many of the region's most prominent people have arrived to hear from Paul a prisoner. Imagine the impossibility of gathering this crowd in any other way. God is faithful in gathering the people; Paul is faithful in standing ready to share his testimony. There is comfort and challenge in these details. Pray for the gathering of God's people; ready yourself to offer testimony.

Tuesday:

Read 24-27. All these happenings have not yet produced a verifiable charge against Paul. In many ways the circumstances are ridiculous, and yet we see the name of Jesus becoming known throughout the empire. Bring your circumstances to the Lord today: the hopeful, the difficult, the ridiculous. Ask that in each and in all His will would be done.

Notes/Prayer Request
