The Book of Acts

Study Guide and Discussion Questions

Week 17

Chapter 22-26

CHAPTER 22	:
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1. Verses 1-22 Paul recounts his conversion story in Hebrew. Remember where he is. Jerusalem. Why is this speech significant?
2. As he concludes his speech, how does the crowd respond? What does this remind you of? Who else responded this way to another messenger of God?
3. The crowd becomes so violent that the chief captain orders Paul to be removed and scourged. But a fear comes over the centurion and then the chief captain that prevents the scourging. What changed their minds?
4. What is the significance of Paul being born a Roman?
5. The following day the chief captain commands the chief priests, all their council and Paul be brought before him to hear the matter. This provides Paul with an opportunity to present the Gospel to all of the Jewish leaders of Jerusalem, as well as the Romans present.

Look up and write down these verses:

Romans 8:28
Genesis 50:20
6. Can you see how the Lord has taken what appears evil or harmful and is using it for His purposes? Have you ever had this happen to you?
CHAPTER 23:
7. The verse says that in earnest Paul addressed the council. He stated that in good conscience he has served the Lord and for that the Chief Priest ordered that he be struck. Why?
8. When Paul learns there are both Pharisees and Sadduces present he appeals directly to the Pharisees, stating that he too is a Pharisee. To what result? Why do you think he did this?
9. Verse 11 - The Lord again speaks to Paul. What does he instruct him?

10. The next day the Jews plot to kill Paul. Why? Why is there such an urgency to kill Paul?
11. Paul is sent to Governor Felix for his safety, where he will be examined again. What do we know of this Governor?
12. Paul arrives at Felix's court and is ordered to be held in Herod's judgment hall until the Jewish council arrives. What do we know of Herod's judgment hall?
CHAPTER 24: 13. Verses 1-21 We hear charges against Paul and Paul defends himself. In verse 21 he says the only valid accusation against him is what?
14. What does Felix decide?
15. What happens to Paul?

CHAPTER 25: 17. In verses 1 and 2 we see that Festus has traveled to Jerusalem and when he arrives the chief priest and Jews visit with him regarding Paul. What do they want?
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18. What does Festus decide?
19. When asked if Paul is willing to go to Jerusalem he insists on appealing to Caesar directly. Why?
20. What happens when King Agrippa visits Festus? What is Festus' problem? Why can't he send Paul to Caesar?
CHAPTER 26:
21. We see once again Paul give his entire testimony before King Agrippa and Festus. What does King Agrippa and Festus decided about Paul? Is he finally set free? Why not?