

# PREACHING CURRICULUM



## CHRISTIANS BEFORE GOVERNMENT ACTS 25:1-26:32

*"...We are Christ's embassy... We have a King... We have a message... It is time for us to be bolder..."*

### 1

#### REVIEW THE SERMON

How was Paul's testimony before King Agrippa for God's glory and not his own (26:19-23). \_\_\_\_\_

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How do we see the accusations and irrationality of the godless in 26:24 and following? What can be learnt from Paul's response to both Festus and King Agrippa in this passage? How did Paul maintain his purpose through it all? (Vs.29) \_\_\_\_\_

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How did Paul position himself for impact for the sole purpose of being a witness and to testify to God's power to save souls? How was this strategic on his part? \_\_\_\_\_

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#### ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Could you ever imagine forgoing your freedom for a chance to share the Gospel? How would you respond if given the opportunity to stand before the Premier or Prime Minister knowing that your life would likely be on the line? Do you think you would be afraid of reprisal, or would you have boldness? \_\_\_\_\_

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How can the redemptive aspects of your past, how God changed you, and lifted your shame, be a powerful part of your testimony as it was for Paul? \_\_\_\_\_

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How open to correction and calls to change are you? Do you find you are more like King Agrippa, wanting to hear what is being said, but stubborn hearted resisting the gift of conviction? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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## APPLY THE TRUTH

Most of us will never have the chance to stand before Kings, however, we do have a sphere in which we carry influence. How can we take what we know to be true about the Gospel and share it with those in our sphere that don't know about the good news? How can we better do this in our place of work or in the public square, where there may be consequences for doing so? *(Remember, Paul actually sought out ministry opportunities in the midst of persecution)* \_\_\_\_\_

How should we respond to civil officials when we are treated unjustly? How can our testimony leverage these situations for God's glory? \_\_\_\_\_

How can we prioritize ministry in the midst of persecution? Paul never made it easy for persecutors to take advantage of him, but he was open to suffering for Christ no matter the cost. What do we learn from Paul in this regard? What was it about his understanding of purpose that gave him this strength? How can we better understand our purpose for this outcome? \_\_\_\_\_

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## COMMIT THIS WEEK

Will you commit this week to understanding the purpose that God has for you, in order that your strength to endure hardship would increase? \_\_\_\_\_

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## PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE REPORTS

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