



## Sermon Discussion Questions

“People for the World: Showing and Sharing the Love of Christ” (Acts 26), July 23, 2023

James Faris

### Sermon Overview

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#### Main Idea

In this chapter, Paul makes what may be the greatest presentation of the Gospel in all of Scripture. This is a model for how we can and should share the good news of the Gospel with everyone, including those in positions of authority.

**Sermon Outline** – Paul’s response to Agrippa follows this Roman rhetorical structure:

1. Exordium – Beginning/Introduction (vs 2-3)
2. Narratio – Statement of Facts/Narrative (vs 4)
3. Confirmatio – Confirmation (vs 19)
4. Refutatio - Refutation (vs 21)
5. Peroratio – Conclusion/Appealing to those listening (vs 29)

#### Quotation(s)

“If you want to be a person for the world, you need to know the person who gave his life for the world.” -James Faris

### Discussion Questions

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#### Initial Engagement

- What is the main idea of the text, or what did the sermon focus on?
- What insight from the text or sermon stood out to you most, and why?

#### Deeper Reflection

1. In this passage, Paul is speaking to several people in positions of power and authority. Before passing judgement on these rulers, are there areas in which you grasp for the authority in your own life that rightly belongs to God?
2. James shared this advice he learned from his parents, “whenever you enter a new environment, as quickly as you can, identify yourself with Jesus Christ. The longer you wait, the harder it is.” Is this a habit of yours? What is your favorite method of doing this?
3. Paul shares his story to testify to what the Lord has done for him. Is there an unbeliever in your life who has not yet heard your testimony?

#### Final Response

- What is one thing you want to remember or one way you hope to change in light of this sermon or discussion?