

8. Now look again at verse 28. This man knew all Paul said was true, so what might have held him back from believing? What holds people back today who know the story of Jesus but still do not believe? Was there something that held you back from following Jesus?



What did you say?
The Dead are Raised?

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1 Corinthians 15:12-26

DOING LIFE TOGETHER

9. Does the resurrection of Christ motivate you to share the gospel with others? Why or why not? Why should it?

10. Do you know anyone who is responding to the gospel message like Festus or like Agrippa? What are some ways you can address both response when you hear it? Brainstorm together as a group.

1Corinthians 1:23
Acts 26:22-24

1. The Resurrection's P_____ – A S_____ of A_____

2. The Resurrection's P_____ – A P_____ G_____

The Hope of the Resurrection L_____ us on to L___ F__ Him

Prayer Requests

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What do I need to do with what I've heard today?

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

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THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. Would you consider yourself more skeptical or open minded? What is something you are naturally skeptical about?

2. What parts of Christianity invite skepticism from the people you interact with on a daily basis? If you are a Christian, what are some details of the faith that you were skeptical about before you believed?

DIGGING DEEPER

READ ACTS 26:1-23

3. Why do you think Paul emphasized his Jewish upbringing and earlier life practices with Agrippa (26:4-11)? How does this help or hinder his defense? Why is it important to relate to people on their terms as we talk about Jesus?

4. How did Paul describe the change that happened in his life once he believed the gospel message (vv. 12-18)? If you were to share your story, what would the before and after moment be?

5. According to Jesus' statement to Paul, quoted in verse 18, what are the benefits that come with turning to Christ? How have you seen this transformation? What other contrasting images would you use to describe your conversion?

READ ACTS 26:24-32

6. Look at verse 24. Festus responded to Paul's claim of resurrection by calling Paul insane. Dead men stay dead! Is this a response we should expect in sharing our testimony of faith? Why or why not?

7. Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31. Why should we expect people to respond like Festus? Have you ever experienced a reaction like this to what you believe about Jesus? If so, share.