

## S.G. Study Guide: *To the End of the Earth*. Acts 25:1-12

**Opening Thought:** Have you ever felt an attack within *spiritual warfare*? What happened? How did you respond?

### 1. Defamation, deceit and destruction. (Acts 25:1-3)

- How did the Jews set out to defame Paul's character?
- What deceit took place while Paul was imprisoned? Can you find more than one example?
- How did the Jews want to destroy Paul? How was this really an attempt to destroy the gospel of Jesus Christ?
- Did Jesus teach the 3 D's of Warfare? (Matt. 5:10-12)
- How did Jesus experience the 3 D's of Warfare? (Matthew 11:18-19; John 18:2-3; John 5:18)
- What does John 15:18 teach us about spiritual warfare?

### 2. Daddy Issues. (25:4-7)

- How do we see God's providence at work in this passage?
- In this passage, how do we recognize who belongs to God and who belongs to the world and ultimately the devil?
- Thinking of our "Remember the Titans" clip. What do we learn about Spiritual Warfare? Specifically, why does the enemy go after leadership? What does this teach us about the need to pray for our leaders?
- Acts 25:7 = *slander*. Have you witnessed a time when a leader/pastor was slandered in a way where one brought unsustainable accusations/charges? Even if the accuser was proven wrong, how did the accusation create damage? How must we handle such situations? (1Tim. 5:19)

### 2. Defense. (25:8-12)

- Verse 8 states that Paul argued his "defense." (Apologetic) How can we argue in a constructive way? How do we speak the *truth* in love in our current culture? How can we argue/disagree in a constructive way?
- How did Festus attempt a compromise for the Jews and Paul? What are 4 reasons Paul did *not* go to Jerusalem? Ultimately, how did Paul defend himself and create a clear path for the fulfillment of God's promise about Rome?