

S.G. Study Guide: *To the End of the Earth*. Acts 25:13-26:32

1. Paul's Assertion: More about the resurrection than the cross. (Acts 25:18-19)

- What was Paul's assertion? Why did it create a dispute?
- Do we tend to emphasize the cross but downplay the resurrection? Can we have the gospel without both the cross and the resurrection? Why do both need to be preached?

2. Paul's Defense: Hope found in the fulfillment of God's promise. (Acts 26:1-11)

- What is Paul's apologetic? Why was he excited to share the gospel for King Agrippa? What is the implication of this?
- What was Paul's testimony?
- Again, Paul speaks of hope. Where does his hope come from and how does a biblical perspective help us understand hope? What act secured Paul's hope?

3. Paul's Conversion: A journey from hate to hope. (Acts 26:12-23)

- Explain and discuss Paul's calling. What is your own calling? How did you come to know it?
- As we think of Paul's commissioning, what does it teach us about salvation? How does this reinforce that salvation is transformation and not solely transactional?
- For one to journey from hate to hope, they cannot just simply become a fan of Jesus, but they must become a follower! Can you think of examples of fans/followers?
- What does it mean that Paul preached the whole counsel of God? Why is this important? Discuss.
- What does it mean that Paul preached the whole story of God? Why is this important? Discuss.

4. Paul's Conviction: Might become such as I am- except these chains. (Acts 26:24-32)

- Paul is one to emulate, not elevate. Discuss the difference, especially in light of Acts 26:22.