**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**ACTS – LESSON 25**

**Acts 25:1-27**

1. What was significant to you in last week’s lesson?

2. a. By order of Felix, Paul had been in prison at Caesarea two years. Now Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus who made a trip to Jerusalem. What happened there?

 b. What motive was behind the request of the Jewish leaders?

 c. How long did Festus stay in Jerusalem and what was his decision?

 d. Consider verses 1-7. What kind of politician do you think Festus was?

3. a. What was Paul’s defense against the charges leveled at him?

 b. How do you think Paul felt at being falsely imprisoned for two years?

4. a. Why did Festus suggest Paul go to Jerusalem to stand trial?

 b. List some reasons you think both Festus and Felix (Acts 24:27) wanted to please the Jews?

 c. Share what you see as dangers when trying to please men.

5. a. Why did Paul reject the suggestion of Festus?

 b. To whom did Paul appeal in verse 11?

6. a. Recall Acts 23:11. How do you think this might have influenced Paul’s decision to appeal to Caesar?

 b. Please share how knowing God’s plan for your life influences your decision making.

7. In Acts 25:13, who arrived in Caesarea to see Festus?

8. Festus acquainted King Agrippa with Paul’s case (vs. 14-21). How did he describe:

 a. Paul’s accusers and their request?

 b. Roman custom?

 c. the charges?

 d. his own dilemma?

 e. Paul’s appeal?

9. What was King Agrippa’s reply?

10. From verse 23, describe the scene in the audience room.

11. a. What did Festus state in his introduction of Paul to King Agrippa?

 b. How do you think Paul felt to hear that Festus would have found him innocent?

12. a. What did Festus hope to determine from the special hearing?

 b. Why?

13. Festus seemed concerned about justifying his actions before Caesar. What does Proverbs 29:25 teach?

14. a. Consider the dilemma Festus faced as he sought counsel from King Agrippa. What options do you think he had?

 b. How would each have affected Festus’ image, Paul and the Jews?

 c. What do you do when you are faced with really tough decisions?

 d. Write these Scriptures that help Christians make right choices.

 Psalm 119:30

 1 Thessalonians 5:21

 Hebrews 10:23

 James 1:5

 James 4:17