

## **Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions**

Topic: Herod Agrippa: Rejecting God's Message Text: Acts 26 Service Date: August 31, 2025

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

## **Getting Started**

- As we wrap up our "Acting Out Acts" series, which character or sermon stuck out to you most and why?
- What's one thing you wrote down during the sermon this week? Share one takeaway that has stuck with you.

## **Sermon Discussion**

- Humility is an underlying theme of this week's message. After reviewing the events of Acts 26, how has the Apostle Paul shown humility in his life compared to Herod Agrippa? What can we learn from this passage (Acts 26)?
- Consider how the sermon traced a pattern of pride through generations. What lessons can we draw about breaking destructive cycles in our own lives or families?
- Paul shares the Good News while in chains and on trial with confidence in his knowledge and ability. What's the difference between pride and a confidence in your calling?
- Herod Agrippa II was "almost persuaded" by Paul's testimony. Why do you think he hesitated to believe, and what are some common reasons people hesitate to respond to the gospel today?
- Proverbs 16:18 warns us about what pride can do to our lives. Philippians 2:8 says we should mirror the humility of Christ. What is one area that you may need to decrease so Christ can increase?

- One reason Herod seems to cut Paul off is to save his own reputation. Have you ever been embarrassed by your faith or hid it altogether to keep up public appearances?
- Jesus says in John 15:5, "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." How do you relate this verse to the laying down of our crowns?
- Despite Herod Agrippa's interruption in verse 28, Paul continues to try and win everyone there for Jesus. What can we learn from Paul's example when it comes to trying to share Jesus with those around us?

## This Week's Action Response

• The sermon ends with the question: "Who will wear the crown — you or Jesus?" How can this metaphor shape our daily choices, values, and identity as followers of Christ?