

Sermon Discussion Guide:

Unapologetic Christianity

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Scripture: **Acts 25:1–26:32**

Series: **The Spirit & The Church**

OVERVIEW

Paul defends himself before Festus and appeals to Caesar to avoid being sent back to Jerusalem for trial. King Agrippa and his wife, Bernice, come to Caesarea and hear about Paul from Festus. Paul then speaks of his conversion and mission before Agrippa and Festus, declaring the gospel boldly and persuasively. Though he is declared innocent of the charges against him, Paul must still go to Rome, since he appealed to Caesar. **Unapologetic Christianity is offering our faith to the world in ways that are respectful, clear, compelling, and hopeful.**

CORROBORATING TEXTS

Romans 13:1-6, 1 Peter 2:17, 2 Corinthians 5:20, Acts 1:8

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Joe stated that, “we are not private Christians—but public saints.” How can people tell that we believe? Can they tell at all?
2. Paul asks for prayer in Ephesians 6:19-20, “...that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.” How can we encourage each other toward these ends?
3. For you, do you find it hardest to be respectful, clear, compelling, or hopeful when sharing the gospel?
4. In Romans 13:1-6, Paul tells the Roman church to be subject to the governing authorities. How should Christians show respect to worldly leaders, even when we disagree with them? How will this make a difference in an election year?
5. Who can we pray for you to have an opportunity to share the gospel with this week?