## A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study Date: May 10, 2017 Acts 25:1-26:32

- 1. Who is Festus and why is he coming to the province?
  - a. Probably with a tour group.
  - b. Because he is succeeding Felix.
  - c. Festus is the new governor of the province where Paul is now in prison.
  - d. Festus is now in charge of deciding whether Paul is guilty or innocent and whether he remains in prison.
- 2. What happened when Festus went to Jerusalem, according to 25:2-5
  - a. The chief priests and Jewish leaders appeared before and presented the charges against Paul.
  - b. The Jewish leaders requested that Paul be transferred back to Jerusalem because they were going to ambush him and kill him.
  - c. After two years, the Jewish leaders are still pursuing Paul
  - d. Festus refused to transfer Paul and asked the Jewish leaders to go to Caesarea if they wanted to bring charges.
- 3. What was the result of this trial, according to 25:12?
- 4. Why is this important (see 23:11)?
- 5. What happened in 15:13-22?
  - a. King Agrippa came to Caesarea to pay their respects to Festus.
  - b. Festus discussed the matter with King Agrippa.
  - c. King Agrippa asked to hear Paul speak himself.
- 6. Why, according to 25:23-27, is Festus having Paul speak before Agrippa?
  - a. The Jews want Paul dead.
  - b. Festus has nothing to charge Paul with.
  - c. Paul has appealed to Rome, but Festus doesn't even know what to write to the Emperor about why Paul is going there, since he hasn't found that Paul has done anything wrong.
- 7. What are the centerpieces of Paul's testimony in Acts 26?
  - a. That he is being accused because of his belief in the resurrection of the dead.
  - b. That the Jews know him well because of his previous persecution of people that believe exactly as he now does.
  - c. That he had an encounter with the Living Christ that changed his entire life and purpose.
  - d. His current ministry is a direct result of a vision from heaven that he now obeys!
- 8. How do Festus and Agrippa respond?
- 9. What does Paul say his prayer is, according to verse 25:29?