



To Each One

APPEALING TO CAESAR, APPEALING TO GOD discussion questions

1. How would you describe Festus' general approach to Paul's case?
2. After reading Acts 25 (and previous chapters in Acts), how would you describe Paul's general way of communicating to the various people he is on trial before? What convictions enable to him to speak in the way he does?
3. The Jewish leaders despised Paul and were intent on killing him. The Roman authorities were more indifferent towards Paul and his message and simply wanted to maintain order and protect their own positions. Basically, there was a group of people that was hostile towards the faith and a group of people that didn't really care. As you look at the future reception of Christianity in America, what do you think it will look like? Hostility? Indifference? Something else? Why do you think that?
4. Considering your answer to the previous question, in what ways do you think your faith needs to grow in order to be able to endure through whatever the world looks like in the future?
5. Paul used the legal resources available to him by appealing to Caesar. Why did he do this? If he was going to do it, why didn't he do it earlier? Is there any lesson for us in his appeal?
6. Has there been a time in your life when you felt unfairly accused? How do you generally respond to that kind of injustice?