

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
The hope of the Resurrection – Acts 26

Read Acts 25:23-27

1. Imagine the scene in the audience hall – a scene of great pomp and majesty v23. By contrast, how would you summarise Paul's recent past?
2. Paul has been in prison for at least two years (Acts 24:27). Why might his imprisonment have been particularly difficult to bear?

Read Acts 26:1-8

3. What is the hope of Israel in v6? How does v8 help us understand this?
4. Take a moment to read these Old Testament passages? What do they anticipate?
 - a. Hosea 6:1-2
 - b. Ezekiel 37:11-14
 - c. Isaiah 25:8; 26:19
 - d. Daniel 12:1-2
5. What has Paul consistently preached throughout the book of Acts
 - a. Acts 23:6
 - b. Acts 24:15
 - c. Acts 25:19
6. Why is the resurrection so central to Paul's message?

Read Acts 26:9-20

7. Why do you think Luke recount's Paul's conversion three times?
8. What is Paul specifically commissioned to do? v16-18. How would you respond to someone who suggests that they like Jesus but not what Paul has to say?
9. In v17 – what will be the effects of Paul's ministry? Are these the categories which you consider your own evangelism and ministry? Why / Why not?

Read Acts 26:21-32

10. Who is the news of Jesus resurrection for? (v22, v28-29)
11. Who are you praying this news will come to?