

Why is it so hard?

Community Group Leaders Guide

Acts 26:22-32 /// Week of March 31

Today's big idea: Change can be hard.

Model transparency and vulnerability from the start this week. The more vulnerable you are as a leader will set the tone for everyone else and the rest of the study.

- Share with the group a significant change you experienced in your life.
- Review the Community Group Guidelines together.
- What did you hear in the sermon that caught your attention?
- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.

Head

With great dialogue this will work well for Storytelling. Some of the Head question ask for information that isn't in this story so plan ahead for that.

- Use Bible Storytelling to tell the story of Paul before King Agrippa.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Acts 26:22-32 in the Bible.
- What do we know about Paul that led him to this interaction?
- Why did Festus think that Paul was out of his mind?
- What do we know about Agrippa?

Heart

Try to help your group go deeper here. The temptation will be to stay on the surface and talk in hypotheticals but encourage I statements.

- Why do you think King Agrippa was hesitant to believe what Paul was saying?
- What is holding you back (or what held you back) from fully trusting Jesus with your life?
- Paul was in prison but was still focused on trying to lead others to Jesus. How can our struggles distract us from sharing Jesus with others?

Hands

Group members will be at different levels of spiritual maturity. They may need your help to see how they can take steps of faith even if they have been with the Lord for a while.

- What can you do this week to stop holding back from change and full submission to Jesus?
- How can we help others change and submit to Jesus even if we find ourselves in times of struggle?
- Pray for one another and that we might fully submit to Jesus.

Next Week:

Why is it so hard to genuinely connect with others? Ruth 1:3-18