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#### TALK TOGETHER.

- 5. How did Paul live his life? Do you think that is important when he was defending himself? Why or why not?
- 6. Every time he shared his testimony, what was central in his message?
- 7. What was the reaction of Felix and Drusilla when they heard what Paul was saying? Why do you think they reacted that way?
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### **APPLICATION**

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