

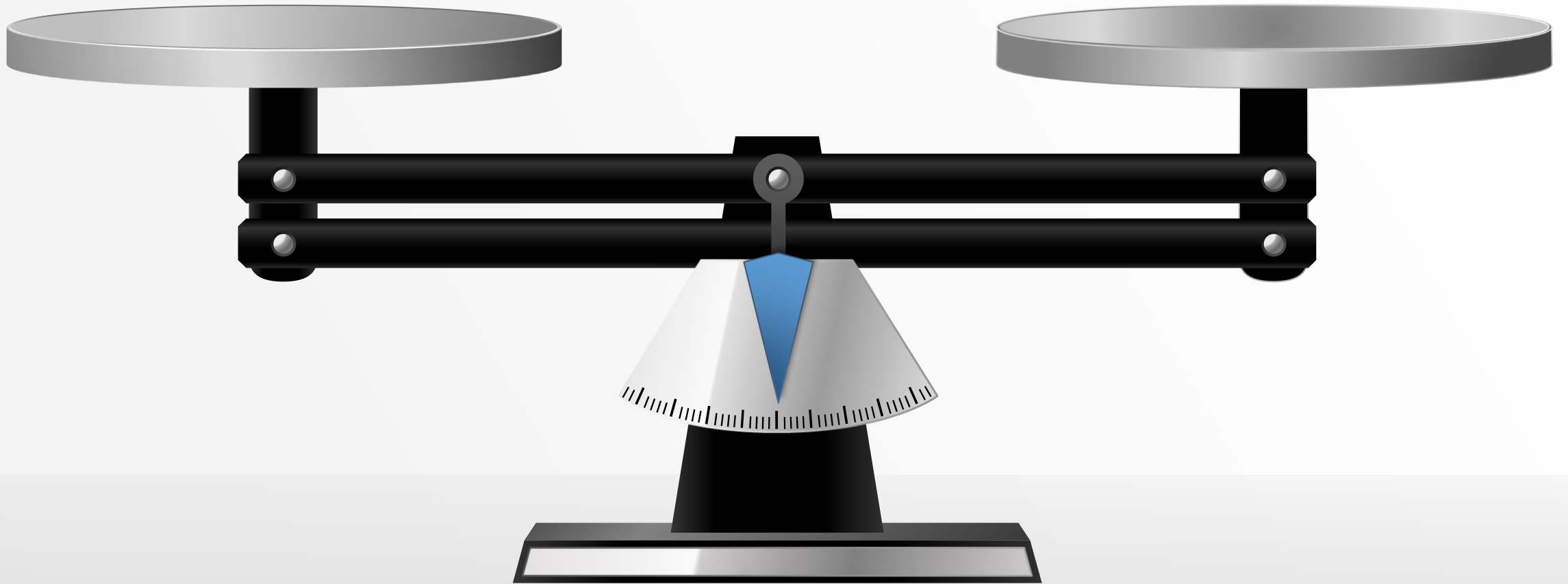
Acts 1:8



Matthew 28:18-20

BEFORE AGRIPPA

(Acts 25:13-26:32)



Disciples making disciples

A. Key verse:

Acts 26:20

“I openly proclaimed ... that they should repent [change their inner self—their old way of thinking] and turn to God, doing deeds *and* living lives which are consistent with repentance.” (AMP)

(1 Thessalonians 1:9: “turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God.”)

B. Who's who...

- King Agrippa (2nd): *last Herod, timid, interaction with Paul (25:22; 26:28)*
- Bernice: *Agrippa's sister – 3x's married/2x's widowed/1x divorced*
- Felix: *governor, corrupt, interaction with Paul (24:25, 26), left him in prison*
- Festus: *governor after Felix, callous, interaction with Paul (25:6; 26:24-25)*
- Emperor Caesar: *next week!*

C. Scene One (25:13-22)

- King Agrippa pays a visit to Festus to pay respects
- Festus consults with Agrippa
- Arrange to meet Paul

D. Scene Two (25:23-26:29)

- Paul's "audience" with Agrippa
- Agrippa (baddy) enters with showiness; Paul (disciple) enters in chains
- Paul's story [Acts 9, 22, 25]: ¹before (26:2-11); ²meeting Jesus (12-18); ³life beyond (19-23)
- Festus interrupts (24); Paul responds (25-27); Agrippa convicted (28); Paul's desire (29)

E. Scene Three (26:30-32)

- The outcome – Agrippa, Bernice & Festus
- *“This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar” (26:32)*

F. Discipleship lessons:

1. God is in control & sees the bigger picture
2. Keep the main thing the main things (~~mission drift~~)
3. Paul: ¹called (26:17); ²competent (26:24); ³character (26:31)
4. Religious people aren't always good/right
5. Non-Christians might reject/be curious/accept
6. Difficult circumstances give divine appointments