

Life Together Group Questions
May 1, 2016
Acts 24

1. Read vss.1-3. What do you make of Tertullus' words to Felix? (see Prov. 10:19)
2. How do the accusations of Tertullus (vss.4-9) match up against Paul's defense (vss. 10-21)?
3. How does the wisdom found in Proverbs apply to situations like this? (Prov. 18:17; 19:2)
4. How does Paul give witness to his faith in Christ in this hearing? What does that tell you about Paul's character, heart and motives? How might we have a similar heart?
5. If you were Paul how would you have responded to Felix's initial ruling? (vss. 22-23)
6. Knowing from history that Felix was an ambitious man who took another man's wife, how do you think Paul's words struck him? (vss. 24-27) How does this compare with another member of the Herod family? (Mark 6:18-28)
7. What is God's call on those who are placed in authority to rule and govern? (Lev. 19:15; Ps. 82:1-4; Prov. 24:23-25; Is. 10:1-5; 56:1)
8. Pastor Nathan called Felix a fool. In what biblical sense was this true? (Ps 14;1; 82; 94:1-11)
9. Have you ever met someone who is like Felix, seeming interested in spiritual things but also seems to have a different motive? How do we interact with people like that?
10. How do we trust God when the hold up of moving forward seems to be the authorities above us? (Prov. 29:26; Rom. 8:28; 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 5:10-11)
11. How did the words of Jesus meet Paul in his stay in Caesarea? (Acts 23:11) What are some of the Lord's words that you hold onto as you wait?
12. God used this waiting period for Paul to write some of his prison epistles. How have you seen God redeem the time as you have waited on Him?
13. How does this passage help equip you to serve Christ and His body?
14. How does this passage help you share Christ with others that need to know Him?
15. What is a question that was not asked about this passage that you would like to ask?

SERMON OUTLINE:

- A Flattering, Fast-track Prosecution - Acts 24:1-9
- A Faith-filled, Factual Defense - Acts 24:10-21
- A Faithless, Foolish Magistrate - Acts 24:22-27