



ACTS CHAPTER 24 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- Think of a time when you have gotten out of trouble and/or a bad situation. Describe the situation and what you did.
- **Opening Prayer**
 - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Tell the Story

Read the Story (Acts 24:1-27)

Read out loud as a group, 5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you have to get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

Acts 24:1-9

- Why is what Tertullus says in verses 2-3 significant?
 - What Tertullus says in verses 2-3 is completely inaccurate. Under Felix's leadership (if you could even characterize it as this), there was a lack of unity among the leaders under him, there were frequent feuds/disturbances, and Felix himself was an extremely cruel man. It wasn't that Tertullus or anyone else believed that the things that he was saying were true. Tertullus was simply trying to gain leverage with Felix to build his case against Paul.
 - Have there ever been times in your life when you try and skew or change the truth because you want to pursue your own desires/agenda?
 - How did things work out when you did this?
 - How can we avoid being people you fall into this trap?



- These are opinion and perspective questions so please listen as the facilitator.
- Why do you think the other Jews joined in with Tertullus regarding the accusations against Paul that weren't true?
 - This is an opinion and perspective question so please listen as the facilitator.
 - What does the following phrase mean? "Don't shoot the messenger."
 - This is an opinion and perspective question so please listen as the facilitator.
 - Have there been times in your life when someone who is telling you the truth actually becomes "the enemy" in your eyes?
 - This is an opinion and perspective question so please listen as the facilitator.
 - How can we as disciples of Jesus avoid resisting the truth when we hear it?
 - This is an opinion and perspective question so please listen as the facilitator.

Acts 24:10-21

- How did Paul's lifestyle as a disciple of Jesus basically "speak" for itself and how does he hold up his life and decisions to Felix?
 - As a disciple, Paul lived a life that was "above reproach." In other words, he sought to live in ways that brought glory to God and His kingdom. He didn't live perfectly by any stretch of the imagination, but he did choose to live with a singular focus and that focus was pleasing God while spreading His message. This is the lifestyle that Paul held up before Felix. Paul was basically saying, "Feel free to investigate. You will find that the charges/accusations being made against me are false and not consistent with the life that I lead."
 - In what ways does your lifestyle and/or your decisions need to more fully point to Jesus?



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- What in verses 10-21 point to the fact that Paul is unashamed, transparent, and unapologetic about the decisions that he has made for God?
 - This is an opinion and perspective question so please listen as the facilitator.
 - In what ways do you need to be more fully unashamed, transparent, and unapologetic about the decisions you make for God?
 - This is an opinion and perspective question so please listen as the facilitator.

Acts 24:22-27

- How was Felix basically “sitting on the fence” regarding hearing about Jesus Christ while also trying to maintain his power and position?
 - Felix was willing to listen to Paul talk about Jesus but when the things that Paul said posed any type of threat to his power, status, and position, he simply had enough and cut Paul off. Felix wanted to hear about Jesus on his timeline and the bottom line for Felix was that Jesus posed way too much of a threat to what he wanted.
 - In what ways have you been or are you similar to Felix?
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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?



Closing & Prayer Requests

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time
- Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week (Acts 24)



ACTS CHAPTER 24 (STUDENT)

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- Think of a time when you have gotten out of trouble and/or a bad situation. Describe the situation and what you did.
- **Opening Prayer**
 - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Tell the Story

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 - In what ways does your lifestyle and/or your decisions need to more fully point to Jesus?
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 - In what ways do you need to be more fully unashamed, transparent, and unapologetic about the decisions you make for God?

Acts 24:22-27

- How was Felix basically “sitting on the fence” regarding hearing about Jesus Christ while also trying to maintain his power and position?
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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?



- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
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