

Book Study #21

ACTS

Acts 23:12-24:27

The Plot to Kill Paul – Paul Transferred to Caesarea – The Trial Before Felix

Before we begin this journey...

1. What kinds of secrets did kids like to keep when you were growing up?
2. What do you admire most about your favorite political figure?
3. What safety precautions do you take when you go out at night?

Do Some Research and Mapping...

4. Who took an oath? Why? (23:12)
5. When Paul’s nephew heard about the plot, what did he do? (23:16)
6. How was the young man able to go before the commander? (23:17-18)
7. What orders did the commander give to get Paul away from danger? (23:23-24)
8. Who wrote a letter to whom and why was the letter written? (23:25-30)
9. When the cavalry and Paul arrived, what did the governor do? (23:33-35)
10. Who went to Caesarea? Why? (24:1-8)
11. What did Felix do about Paul’s case? (24:22-23)
12. Why did Paul languish in prison for over two years? (24:26-27)

Sort, Organize, Discuss, Understand...

13. When might exposing a wrong require courage or sacrifice today?
14. When is it right for you to play the role of informant in correcting a wrong?
15. How did God protect Paul?
16. What "human means" does God use to protect His people?
17. How was Paul "caught in the system"?
18. Why do you think Felix rejected Christ even though he showed interest in Paul’s teaching?

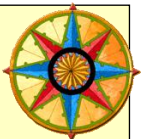
Application for this week...

19. In what setting this week will you need to be prepared to stand up for the truth?
20. As a Christian, what is one way you can protect the rights of the poor and weak?
21. For what public officials can you pray this week?

*A prayer for your journey... “Lord Jesus, as I walk through this coming week, help me prepare for my journey by reading my Bible more regularly, seeking help as I need it from my Christian friends and focusing on the needs of others instead of myself. Help me to demonstrate my faith by stepping into the **unknown, untried, and untested areas** of my life.”*
-Amen



Direction Finder...



Small homework assignment...
Read from 25 – 28:31 (finish Acts). The next couple of lessons will be somewhat different, perhaps requiring you to have more complete knowledge...

Like Paul, I desire to step into the **unknown, untried, and untested areas** of my life.” Now and during the week, write down some of those areas as you identify them...

