



Topeka Bible Church
The Life of Paul, Episode 45:
"They know the Truth, so Why don't they believe it?"
Community Group Study Questions
Acts 24:1-27 and selected passages

1. These Jews were determined to wipe out Paul, weren't they! After five days of preparation, the high priest, some elders, and an attorney come before Governor Felix (Acts 24:1). Why were they so determined? Why didn't they simply sweep this issue under the rug (1 Thessalonians 2:14-16)?

2. How many of the charges against Paul in Acts 24:5-8 were true (cf. Acts 19:26-29; 24:12-13)? How does the lawyer, Tertullus, spin the facts to make them appear to be true? What is God's perspective on this sort of behavior (Luke 11:46-52)?

3. Why did Paul so clearly reference the resurrection (Acts 24:15)? What will this event be like (Daniel 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 51-53)? He notes that the resurrection is his hope. Do you share this same hope (1 Corinthians 15:56-58)? Why or why not?

4. Governor Felix had a thorough understanding of the Christian faith (i.e. the "Way," Acts 24:22). Do you know anyone who understands the facts of Christianity, but refuses to believe in Christ? Why do they refuse to believe (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)?

5. Why did Felix send for Paul to speak about Jesus to him and his wife, Drusilla (Acts 24:24)? Who do you know that is spiritually “hungry” or “seeking” (cf. Acts 8:27-31; John 7:37)? Have you been able to share your faith with them? What happened?

6. Why did Felix become afraid when he heard Paul speaking about righteousness, self-control, and God’s coming judgment (Acts 24:25; John 16:7-11)? After two years, Felix had still not believed in Jesus Christ (Acts 24:27)! If you were Paul, would you have been frustrated by this fact?

7. Do you believe that a person’s heart must be transformed rather than their head in order to believe? How would the “heart approach” change your evangelism? How should you pray for those family and friends who do not know Jesus Christ? Do you believe that your prayers will be answered (1 Timothy 2:3-4; 2 Peter 3:9)?

Memory Verse:

“Having a hope in God, which these men cherish themselves, that there shall certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.”
(Acts 24:15, NASB)