

Wednesday

Read: Acts 24:17-21 *The true charge against Paul*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why was Paul convinced that the resurrection of the dead was the true reason he was charged?*
2. *What do you believe about the resurrection of the dead?*

Prayer Focus Clear our consciences of places where we veer from following your way. Clear our hearts of accusations against those with whom we disagree. Resurrect our faith that you are the God who guides, comforts, forgives, and listens.

Thursday

Read: Acts 24:22-25 *Felix's indecision*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What do you think of how Felix dealt with Paul?*
2. *What do you think Drusilla thought of what Paul had to say?*

Prayer Focus You've established new laws to shape our lives in relationship to you and your love. God, we commit to that relationship today and ask you to fill our hearts so we can't wait to live as your people.

Friday

Read: Acts 24:26-27 *Paul stays in prison*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why would Felix keep Paul in prison yet call on him to come and speak with him?*
2. *What do you say when someone asks you about your faith?*

Prayer Focus Bless those who wait in prison, and those who are imprisoned in spirit, Holy One. Help us choose today to let go of all the things that muddy up our hearts and minds and spirits, and keep the truth locked there instead. We're ready to offer you to the world.

The Integrity of a Clear Conscience

Pastor's message: Acts 24:10-27

Message Notes:



Small Group Format

Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *What are you looking forward to most as we move into fall?*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **Acts 24:10-27**

- Discuss observations about the text
 - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
 - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)

THE INTEGRITY OF A CLEAR CONSCIENCE **SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**

Monday

Read: Acts 24:10-14 *Paul before the governor*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why do you think these charges came to Paul?*
2. *Why did Paul keep the laws of Judaism when he was a follower of Jesus?*

Prayer Focus Thank you for the cheerful witness of Paul, made in the face of danger, Steadfast God. We pray for more grace to trust you more. Let our lives be a witness for you, to speak up and say what's right and true, no matter what.

Tuesday

Read: Acts 24:15-16 *Paul's testimony*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Do you think it's fair that both the righteous and the unrighteous will be resurrected?*
2. *Has there been a time when you had a conscience that wasn't clear toward God or other people? How did you respond?*

Prayer Focus God who knows all of us, inside and out, we know we sometimes miss the mark as your followers. Grow our hope in you and the promise of new life in you. Let that hope be a key to our relationship with you and others.