

PERSONAL REFLECTION GUIDE

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- What main point from the sermon stood out to you? What did the Holy Spirit convict you of or encourage you with?
- Have you ever been falsely accused of something? If so, how did you respond?
- **Read Acts 24:1-23. If reading aloud with others, change readers at the paragraph breaks.** What tactics does Tertullus used to try to persuade Felix? What are his 3 main charges against Paul?
- How does Paul dismantle each of the accusations he faces?
- What does Paul say is the REAL reason he is on trial?
- How does Paul's focus on the resurrection change the way he approaches his defense?
- **Read 1 Peter 3:14-17.** In what ways does Paul embody this advice in Acts 24?
- Why do you think Paul chooses to be respectful - not angry or belligerent - in this situation?
- What charges could opponents of Christ bring against you today?
- Can you think of a situation where you suffered for what is right? What did you do? What would a response look like based on Acts 24 and 1 Peter 3 above?
- How do people nowadays respond to the message of Jesus? Why?
- How can you prepare yourself for these responses?
- Do you think believers today try to avoid talking about Jesus? Why?
- Do you find it difficult to transition general conversations into gospel conversations? If so, why? What does this passage teach you about being more effective in that?
- Based on this passage or the sermon, what is one step of obedience the Holy Spirit is leading you towards this week. Who will you tell about this step, in order to help you?

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

Refer to the Bible reading plan for your readings for next week.



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A few tips to get started: (1) Make this a phone-free conversation. You and your family put the phones away, except for the person who looks up the Scriptures. He/She would read the passage and then put his/her phone away. (2) Set the pace for how vulnerable to be. If you give a shallow answer, you are more likely to get a shallow answer from your kids. (3) Do not feel like you have to ask all of these questions. Just focus on having a good honest discussion.

Open with prayer, asking God to lead you to know more about Christ and live like Him.

- What stood out to you from the sermon this week as challenging or encouraging?
- Outside of the family, have you ever been blamed for something you didn't do? What happened? How did you respond?
- **Read Acts 24:1-23**, changing readers at the paragraph breaks. What did the lawyer – Tertullus – say Paul had done wrong?
- Did Paul agree with the bad things he was accused of? What did he say instead?
- What important thing about Jesus did Paul say he believed?
- Why do you think Paul could stay calm and respectful even though people were lying about him?
- Paul lived a Christian life, and people were offended by him. Do you strive to live like Jesus at school/work/home? Would people (classmates, coworkers, etc.) be offended by you living like Jesus?
- If so, what charges could opponents of Christ bring against you today? If not, what would help you live like Jesus, even if others wouldn't like it?
- What does it look like to be respectful even when someone says something untrue about you?
- How can you and me talk about Jesus in a kind and brave way, like Paul did?
- What is one thing you want to put in practice from these passages or the sermon?

Ask if there is some way you can pray for your family members, and then close in prayer.

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