



Week 30 | June 30 Sermon

Community:

30 weeks!?!

Wow, that's a great stretch! Congratulations on a great achievement and many relationships developed and deepened over that time!

Spend some time as a GROUP reflecting back to 30 weeks ago...

What do you remember about your first GROUP meeting?

Who did you know already and who did you not know yet?

What were you most excited about?

What were you most nervous about?

How does it feel to walk into GROUP now?

(These could be great questions to use with your life cards!)

Many times in the Bible, God asks His people to remember where they came from. Consider this your intentional time to remember and in the process give thanks for where you are now and how far you have come. Praise Him for all that He has seen you through and anticipate all that is to come.

*Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. **Hebrews 10:24-25***

GROUPS

Sermon Title: What to do With Such a Troublemaker? Part 3 | Text: Acts 24:1-27

Auditorium Discussion Questions::

Do you see evidence of these concepts from Acts 1 in your life?

God's promise of the Holy Spirit?

The power of the Holy Spirit?

God's purpose?

If, in the eyes of the world, the Gospel is always on trial, how does your life influence the verdict?

Do you ever feel Satan is accusing or trying to prosecute you?

Are there examples in your life of events occurring "under the surface"?

Do you put your heart on trial? If so, how? What tools do you use?

Here are some verses that may help with reflection:

Gen 6: 5, 6	Deut 6: 5,6	1 Samuel 13: 14 and 16: 7	Psalm 51: 10 and 17
Psalm 73: 25	Psalm 119: 11	Prov 3: 3-5	Prov 4: 23
Jer 17: 9	Mt 5: 8	Mt 6: 21	Mk 7: 21
Lk 6: 45	Acts 8: 21	Colossians 3: 1 and 15	1 Tim 1: 5

Sanctuary Discussion Questions::

Please read and discuss Acts 24. What does the Holy Spirit draw your attention to?

Dr. Luke raises the important idea of living a blameless life in three of Paul's last speeches (23:1; 24:16; 25:8).

Kevin offered historical evidence revealing the influence of this kind of lifestyle.

What words would others (especially non-believers) use to describe your lifestyle?

What does the answer reveal about your life as a witness for Christ and His Kingdom?

In 24:25 Paul talks to Gov. Felix and his wife Drusilla about three things:

Righteousness. Self-control. The judgment to come.

Why were these important to Paul?

Are these important to you? Why or why not?

Gov. Felix's response in 24:25-27 reveals a "heart under attack." The words fear, greed and (seeking) favor were used. Do these attitudes impact the hearth of your heart (and thus, your witness for Christ and His Kingdom)?

What do you understand about the Final Judgment (cf. Revelation 20:7-22:7)? Do you consider this is as you live your days? Does it influence how "blamelessly" and "beautifully" you reveal the Kingdom of God to others? Why or why not?

Please consider closing your meeting by praying for one another. Pray specifically for a "blameless and Christ-honoring lifestyle" this week.