



Episode 12: KILL THE BEAST!!

Acts Chapters 23 & 24

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.
Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Take some time to look up and read out loud together: *Acts Chapters 23 & 24*

1. What did Paul call the High Priest in Chapter 23 and how does that connect to Jesus' saying Matthew 23:27?
2. What was Felix trying to extort from Paul at the end of Chapter 24?

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

How do the scriptures connect to everyday life.

3. We currently live in a culture where everyone seems to be living in an age of outrage, where people are always looking for something or someone who is “the beast”. In what ways do you see this in mainstream and social media?
4. Acts 22:22-24 shows us a negative example of how gossip builds a “mob mentality”. What can you do to avoid participation in gossip in your own life?
5. Acts 23:1-2 shows us a negative example of how to react to someone saying something we don't agree with. Read Proverbs 18:17 and discuss how we can listen for the heart of both parties in a conflict?
6. Acts 23:3-5 gives us a negative example of how we assume the worst of someone we've already predetermined we will disagree with. In what ways can we discipline ourselves to assume the best of best of people and love them in that direction?
7. Acts 23:12-13 gives us a negative example of how malice seeps into the heart of the “mob mentality”. How do you flee from those kinds of emotions seeping into you?

Surrender: *Responding to God's voice.*

8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We're here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your life group!
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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A primary resource in compiling these questions has been the *NIV Life Application Study Bible* (Zondervan, 1984) and the *Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998)