

2. CHEERFULLY on Trial (Acts 24:10–21)

- Why So CHEERFUL?
- EMPTY Accusations (24:11–13, 17–21)
- PROMISE Fulfilled (24:10; 9:15)
- OPPORTUNITY Embraced (24:14–16, 21)
- CERTAIN Hope (Luke 21)

3. CONFLICTED Felix (Acts 24:22–27)

- ALARMED & GREEDY (24:25–26)
- The BOTTOM Line & The FINISH Line



Paul Before Felix

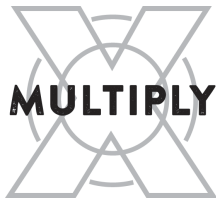
Acts 24:1–27

Sunday, November 19, 2017

Jesus is not only the risen & reigning King over all peoples everywhere, but also over all who reign over all peoples everywhere. He is the King of kings, the Governor of governors, and the Lord of lords. At long last, Paul gets his first opportunity to carry the name of Jesus before a "king", governor Felix, through his trial. This text calls us to expect slander, cheerfully respond, and patiently bear witness to our risen Savior.

1. Paul's a PLAGUE (Acts 24:1–9)

- Who's Your ACCUSER?
- Who's Your ADVOCATE?



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Connecting Together (30 min)

It's week 8 of Fall Growth Groups! Make sure your Growth Group family have places to be for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Seek to invite one another into your celebrations.

Grappling Together (30 min)

1. When God's Word is preached, God speaks to His people! How did you sense God speaking to you in/through the text/message this week?
2. Who's your accuser? What accusations do you hear that oppose living on mission with Jesus?
3. Who's your Advocate? How do you hear His voice? What has your Advocate said that delivers you from your accuser?

4. How do you *naturally* respond to criticism and accusations? How can hope in the resurrection empower you to respond differently, even cheerfully?
5. Felix doesn't come to faith. Did Paul fail? Discuss how Jesus frees us to patiently bear witness throughout our lives.

Planning & Praying Together (30 min)

- Plan for how you can speak the words of our Advocate to one another in your life together as a Growth Group.
- Pray for the certain hope of the Gospel to captivate your hearts and compel you towards joyful obedience to God's call to live a life on mission with Jesus and His people.
- Pray for one another's needs.