



Small Group

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” James 1:22 NIV

KICKOFF

What was your highlight from this past week?

SUMMARY

Pastor Tim taught a message entitled *Spectacles* from Acts 24:1-27. In this message, we learned about three tactics that are used against us by those who want to harm us. Additionally, we learned three actions that we can take when confronted by those who are against us and want to control us.

Read Acts 24:1-9. From this passage, we learned about three common tactics that those who seek to harm and control you will employ. They will try to *manipulate* you (v.1-4), *minimize* you (v.5), and *master* you (v.6-9).

- How have these tactics been against you either in the past or in the present?

Read Acts 24:10-21. From this passage, we learn three actions that you can take again those who seek to harm and control you:

1. Ignore them (v.10-13)

- Why is it so tempting to enter into a defensive dialogue with those who are against you?
- How can you learn to ignore the people who seek to harm or destroy you, rather than seek to expose their weak character?

2. Imitate Jesus (v.14)

- Just like Jesus did, Paul declared his belief in the authority of the scriptures. When being attacked, do you tend to try to follow the ways of Jesus?
- What part(s) of Jesus' life do you want to imitate to a greater degree?

3. Invest yourself (v.15-21)

- If someone watched your life for a year, what are the things that they would conclude that you “invest yourself” into?
- How can you invest yourself more into the things that you believe truly matter?

PRAYER

Pray that we would put these points into action in the coming week.

