



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’s your favorite animal?

SUMMARY

Pastor Frank taught a message entitled *Lenses For Life* from Acts 22:22-23:35. From the life of Paul, we learned 5 “lenses” through which we should see life. These five lenses are applicable for every child of God and helpful in every season of life.

APPLICATION

- 1. Roman Citizenship (see Acts 22:25-29)**
 - We learn from Paul’s Roman citizenship that God will use *everything* in our life for His glory. Can you give an example of how you’ve seen God take something from your past and use it for His purposes?
- 2. Recognize and respect authority (see Acts 23:1-5)**
 - Paul had a respect for authority because he understood that authority is God-given. Do you find it challenging to respect authority? Why or why not?
 - If it is challenging for you to respect authority, how can you grow in this area of life?
- 3. Gamaliel’s counsel: choose your battles wisely (see Acts 23:9)**
 - Gamaliel’s counsel (found in Acts 5:38-39) was that if something is of God, you cannot stop it; however, if it’s not of God, it will fail. How can you keep an open mind to what God may want to do in a particular situation when you’re not sure if it’s of God?
- 4. Expectations, expectations, expectations (see Acts 23:11)**
 - Jesus told Paul that he would testify about Jesus in Rome as he had done in Jerusalem. However, Jesus didn’t tell him what the path to Rome would look like. Paul had to submit His expectations to the Lord. Do you find it difficult to bring submit your expectations to God?
 - Moving forward, what can you do practically to submit your expectations to Him?
- 5. “It just so happened” doesn’t happen to us (see Acts 23:16-22)**
 - “It just so happened” that Paul’s nephew overheard the plot to kill Paul and warned him. Why is it that there are no “coincidences” with God?
 - How can you come to see “coincidences” as divine intervention?

PRAYER

Continue to pray for the healing of those who are sick in our midst.

