ACTS – Big God, Real Church "A Courtroom Drama" Acts 24:1-26:32 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions are intended to use in discussion and application of the past week's sermon.

Listening

What part of the sermon was most helpful to you or challenged you to think and/or live differently? How will you apply this message to your life?

Engaging

Discuss how Paul responds to accusations against him and corruption that he faces in his trials. What do you think this seasoned man was drawing on in order to respond to his circumstances like he did? (Such a mixture of ready-defense and persistent class is uncommon!)

Taking into consideration the warnings that Paul received across the previous chapters (ch.21-23), what do you think Paul was thinking concerning the outcome of his impending trials?

Applying

Paul sat imprisoned for over 2 years, awaiting his time to be tried before Nero Caesar in Rome. How do you keep your wits and your soul sharp and prepared in seasons of waiting?

Knowing that appealing to Caesar meant bringing his case before one of the most violent, notorious leaders of history (Nero), discuss what we can glean from Paul's motives in Luke's account of Acts and across any of his other letters that we have in the New Testament. Have you had any experience(s) in developing a deep sense of purpose, especially that might portend suffering?

Praying

In light of this message and discussion:

How can we pray for each other? Where do you feel challenged or convicted?

What can we praise God for? How can we pray for our church?

