

PREACHING CURRICULUM



PRISONER FOR CHRIST
ACTS 23:23-24:27

“Christians must learn to thoughtfully engage and preach to political powers”.

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

What are 3 key takeaways that we learn from Paul in how he responded to the abuse of political power? Is there one that stands out as surprising to you? If so, why? _____

Why was Paul, an innocent man, shipped off to Felix? What does this teach us about the political leaders of his day?

Paul was called many names and accused falsely of a crime he didn't commit. In what ways do we see blessing for Paul and the Church in how he suffered for Christ? _____

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

How do you think you would respond to false accusations if you were being accused of being a “plague or a ringleader of a sect”? Look how Paul responds in verse 10. _____

Do you believe that it is your responsibility and the responsibility of the church to speak into politics? Can you think of a time when you have seen this done well in today's culture? What was the outcome? How do *you* thoughtfully engaged and preached to political powers today? _____

Are you prepared to discuss and defend what you believe to be true? How are you building your Christian world and life view to combat the spiritual and political forces that are at war with God and his Church? Who are you giving your ear to today, and have you considered the implications of this? _____

3

APPLY THE TRUTH

There are many similarities to our culture and the culture in which Paul found himself. How do we point politicians to the Gospel, even when they may not want to hear it? How can we become more relentless in preaching in season and out of season? _____

Paul was not so much concerned with us knowing theology as he was with the fruit we bare. How can we be men and women of action and move past the false or pietistic attitude that says we need to know more before being affective in ministry? How can we learn to trust God for the outcome and not rely on our own abilities that will always fall short? _____

How can we live a balanced life, focused on eternity and calling people to repentance? On the flip side, how can we effectively responded to our environment in which we all live, for God’s glory and not our own? _____

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COMMIT THIS WEEK

Will you commit this week to working toward a balanced and focused life of calling people to repentance as well as speaking into culture when given the opportunity? _____

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PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE REPORTS

DATE: _____

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