

Bible Story Telling Format

Acts 24-25

The Biblical record: Acts 24-25 – Tell story of Acts 25:1-12

Sermon: **Fresh Starts** Acts 24:27-25:23

Memory Verses: Acts 24:14-16

Pray

1. Briefly review last week's story – catch up with group.
 - a. Paul's series of trials continued as he is moved from Jerusalem to Caesarea because he appealed to his Roman Citizenship. There is an ambush plot and an exciting rescue see Acts 23:12-35
 - b. Why happened when you told people of your citizenship being in heaven? Merry Christmas or happy holidays?
2. Transition to this week's story.
 - a. Paul is waiting for his trial to continue, fresh attorneys are hired and bring a fresh new words to the old charges.
 - b. Felix decides to pressure Paul for a bribe and so delays the proceedings. Acts 24:22-26
3. Ask pre-story question.
 - a. How does Festus use his fresh start as The Roman in charge?
 - b. What different ways can you use a fresh start?
4. Tell the story.
5. Ask questions to rebuild the story.
 - a. What starts these proceedings according to Acts25:1-3
 - b. What happened next?
 - c. Was anything left out?
6. Ask discussion (Thumbprint) questions.
 - a. What did learn about how Jesus wants to use your life to accomplish His mission? See Acts 23:11, 25:11-12
 - b. How does Paul's faith give him courage to be reasonable in the face of false charges and accusations?
 - c. What do we learn about God from this account?
 - d. How is God's Son involved?
 - e. Is God's Spirit active in this report?
7. Application Questions.
 - a. What laws conflict with your efforts to emulate Jesus Christ?
 - b. How do you have the opportunity for a fresh start in these efforts?
 - c. What is one thing that threatened to ambush you in your spiritual life?
 - d. What will you do remove this threat – as much as in your ability to do so?

Prayer Requests