

Grace Group Notes

To be used in your Grace Group this week...

"When 2 Years Had Passed..."

Week of July 14, 2019

Welcome

Let's get to know each other. You can use this question during your meal together.

• What do you do to pass the time when you have to wait for something?

Worship

Let's enter the presence of God together.

Songs led by worship leader or worship resource or read Psalm 13 and offer up both your frustrations and your praise to God.

Word

Let's interact with God's Word.

Read Acts 24

- 1. *What difference can you see in the style Tertullus uses (vv. 2-4) to present his case to Felix compared to Paul's style?
- 2. How would all the charges in verses 5-6 seem true to Ananias and Tertullus? What does their reference to Christians as the "Nazarene sect" show about their view of Christianity?
- 3. How then does Paul defend himself (w. 11-19)?
- 4. What do you learn about Felix from verses 22-26? Why does he merely put Paul under house arrest?
- 5. In light of Acts 23:11, what must Paul be feeling as time wears on and no progress at all is made?
- 6. How has your desire to serve Christ been misunderstood by others? How did you feel then?
- 7. Have you ever felt there was a period in your life that was "dead time" -when nothing seemed to be happening at all (as seems to be the case with Paul)? Why do you think God allows such times in our lives?

Witness

Let's focus on who we can reach out to.

8. Is there a neighbor or friend or co-worker that this group can join you in praying for this week?

*Questions adapted from The Serendipity Bible, Zondervan Pub.