**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**ACTS – LESSON 24**

**Acts 24:1-27**

1. What was a new thought to you in the last week’s lesson?

2. Who came to bring charges against Paul?

3. a. How did Tertullus try to flatter Felix?

 b. What do you think is the difference between flattery and encouragement:

 Flattery Encouragement

 c. How does God feel about flattery in these Scriptures?

 Proverbs 26:28

 Proverbs 28:23

4. Of what was Paul accused in verses 5, 6?

5. a. The Jews in verse 9 were willing to bear false witness against Paul. Write Proverbs 19:9.

 b. Besides causing physical death which false testimony can do, what are other ways false testimony can hurt someone?

6. In his defense, what did Paul deny? (Vs. 12, 13)

 . . . admit? (Vs. 14, 15)

7. a. For what did Paul strive?

 b. Paul was concerned for those who had a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ conscience in 1 Corinthians 8:10.

 c. He described false teachers as having a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ conscience in 1 Timothy 4:2.

 d. He told Titus (1:15) that unbelievers had a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ conscience.

 e. According to Hebrews 9:14, how did God make provision that we might have a clear conscience.

8. Continuing his defense in verse 18, what did Paul claim about himself in the temple?

9. What was Paul’s challenge of verses 19, 20?

10. To what “crime” did Paul confess?

11. a. What excuse did Felix give for hesitating to decide Paul’s case?

 b. Considering the letter that accompanied Paul, how do we know it was just an excuse? (See Acts 23:29)

12. a. What did Paul discuss with Felix and his wife Drusilla?

 b. What might Paul have been teaching them based on these verses from his letter to the Romans?

 Faith in Jesus Christ: Romans 10:9-13

 Righteousness: Romans 3:21, 22

 Self-Control: Romans 6:12

 Judgment: Romans 2:5-11

 c. Why do you think Felix became afraid (Acts 24:25) and sent Paul away?

13. a. Felix avoided making a decision about Paul’s case and about Paul’s message. What are some excuses people give today to postpone important decisions?

 b. What is the danger of procrastination according to James 4:13, 14?

 c. What things in your life are you neglecting until you find a “more convenient” time?

14. a. Instead of salvation, Felix wanted what?

 b. How long did Felix keep Paul in prison?

 c. How do you think the Jews felt with that solution to their problem of Paul?

15. Who succeeded Felix?

16. Felix desired money (verse 26) and favor (verse 27) instead of hope and faith. What is your heart’s desire?