



Sermon Notes

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True Freedom in Christ

Acts 21:17-22:21 (pew Bible pg. 930-932)

As Christians, we should be on the offense always, but also always ready to go on defense when necessary. We see that in the life of Paul. He moves forward confidently. Even when he knows that he will face danger and persecution. Beginning in Acts 21, we see Paul move from a confident offense to a confidence defense, due to his circumstances. Acts 21 to 26 includes 5 defense speeches given by Paul. In the events leading up to the first of these 5 speeches, we see a picture of what freedom in Christ truly looks like in Paul's life.

The gospel frees us from self-reliance to trust in his strength and plan.

The gospel frees us from rivalry to work together for God's glory.

The gospel frees us from taking personal offense to respond to opposition in grace.

The gospel frees us from stubborn preference to live our lives wholly for the gospel and for others.

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In your journal, reflect on today's sermon by answering the following:

I never knew:

I was challenged:

I was reminded:

I was convicted:

A question I still have:

A truth I could share:

Know

Monday

Spend some time today doing the following:

Read the sermon passage again.

Select a portion of this week's sermon passage to memorize this week.

Write your selected portion and read it to yourself at least 10 times throughout the day.

Know > Be

Tuesday

In your journal, spend some time writing about the following:

Read the sermon passage again.

Write a prayer of response, guided by the passage.

(May include adoration, confession/repentance, thanksgiving, petition, etc...)

Write your selected portion of the Scripture several times to aid in memorization.

Be

Wednesday

Think about this week's questions for group discussion:

Which one of the points from Sunday's message about freedom in Christ resonated with you and why?

What does it mean to defend the faith? How can we allow this defense to become muddled and even harmful to gospel advance? How can we guard against this?

How should the gospel shape our response to cultural hostility?

Be > Do

Thursday

In your journal, spend some time considering the following:

What insights have you had while internalizing this week's passage?

How specifically will you seek to apply its truths in your home/workplace/life in general?

Do

**Use this guide to help you internalize this week's passage & message.*

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