



Small Group

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” James 1:22 NIV

KICKOFF

What is one of your favorite Thanksgiving traditions?

SUMMARY

This weekend Pastor Frank taught a message entitled *Lessons from “The Plains”* where we studied Acts 19:21-41....a somewhat “plain” passage. Although there weren’t any high mountain-top experiences or any low valley experiences, we are able to learn many important lessons from the “plains”. After all, we spend a lot of time in the plains!

1. Most of life is lived in the “plains”

- We talked about how this passage, compared to others that we’ve studied, is relatively “plain”. Would you consider your current season of life as being on a mountain-top, in a valley, or just in the plains?
- Does it bring you comfort to know that most of life is lived in the plains? If so, why?

2. We gain by losing

- Read verse 22 and talk about what Paul “lost”.
- Have you ever tried to hold on to something (or someone), but in reality you needed to let it (or them) go? If so, what (or who) was it?
- What (or who) might you currently need to let go of?

APPLICATION 3. Peacemaking and peacekeeping are both godly pursuits

- Read verses 35-41. What did the clerk do?
- How can you grow both in making peace and keeping peace?

4. This “plain” passage is a good picture of where we are today as a nation

- Read verses 29-32 and describe the crowd.
- In what ways, however small or large they may be, can you personally contribute to us becoming a nation that seeks God and the truth of His word?

5. Let’s be more *for Jesus* that we are *against* any other thing

- Read verses 35-37. What did the clerk have to say about the followers of Jesus?
- Could an onlooker see anything in your life that could cause them to believe you are more against something (an issue, a topic, a person, etc.) than you are for Jesus? If so, what?

PRAYER

Thank God for His goodness towards us this past year.

