

Life Together Group Questions
April 24, 2016
Acts 23:11-35

1. Why did Jesus appear to Paul in vs.11? (Acts 18:9-11) How do you think that helped Paul stay the course in the long run in his call and mission?
2. Is there a scripture that encapsulates the mission or calling God has given you? Have you experienced opposition to that call? If so what does that look like?
3. How has the Lord encouraged you along the way in your walk and call in Christ? (word of encouragement from another? – scripture? - answer to prayer? – unexpected blessing? - other?)
4. Read vss. 12-22. What are your thoughts about this group that make a devout oath to kill Paul? (see Ex. 20:13,16; Lev. 19:15; Ps. 14:1 – sin is irrational)
5. Has there ever been a time where you have faced opposition because of your desire to follow Christ? Someone even sought to inflict harm on you (reputation, physically or some other means)? How did you deal with it?
6. Are there some promises of protection in God’s Word you look to? (Ps. 91; Prov. 18:10; Is. 41:10; Heb. 13:5b-6)
7. How was the plot against Paul thwarted? (vss. 16-33) Do you see God’s fingerprints in these things?
8. Do you see the irony of God using the Romans soldiers to deliver Paul from the Jewish spiritual leadership? As a group of people who sought to be justified by keeping God’s law, what might be God’s redemptive purpose for the Jews in this? (Rom. 11:28-32)
9. What ordinary things has God used in an extraordinary manner to meet and take care of you?
10. The scripture does not promise we will not suffer, undergo trial or even die. (Mk. 8:34-36; Jn. 16:33; 2 Tim. 3:12) How do we balance promises of protection and promises of suffering even?
11. How does this passage help you take another step in Pursuing Jesus?
12. How does this passage help equip you to serve Christ and His body?
13. How does this passage help you share Christ with others that need to know Him?
14. What is a question that was not asked about this passage that you would like to ask?

SERMON OUTLINE:

- The Lord Protects What He Promises - Acts 23:11
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- The Lord Protects What He Promises - Acts 23:23-35