

Community Group Questions  
Acts 22:22-23:11

1. Read Acts 22:22-23:11. What did you find most helpful, encouraging or challenging from this week's passage and message?

2. Pastor Lee referred to "the three worlds of evangelicalism" over the past 60 years:

Positive World = Christianity held in high cultural esteem

Neutral World = Christianity reasonably tolerated

Negative World = Culture openly hostile to the Christian faith and its values

Where have you observed this type of shift in the wider North American culture?

How is it that the church can thrive even in a "negative world"?

3. Is it a surprise to you that Paul made use of his rights as a Roman citizen?
4. Look again at verses 3-5. How do these verses help to "humanize" Paul? What can we learn from the way Paul handled this situation and the aftermath?
5. Read Matthew 10:16. When you think of the teaching you've heard in the church over the years, do you think you've generally heard more about being as wise as serpents or being as innocent as doves? How do you think we go about doing both of these things well?
6. Look up the following Passages:  
Genesis 31:3  
Exodus 3:11-12  
Joshua 1:5-9  
Matthew 1:22-23  
Matthew 28:18-20  
Hebrews 13:5

So often, the greatest assurance God gives is, "I will be with you." How did that promise help Paul? How does it help you?