Lemonade Time!

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1. _____ vv. 12-22



2. _____ vv. 23-24

Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. ***PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).***

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?
To learn more or join a group, visit **pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/** or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

Point #1
a) Read Acts 23:12-22. How did the Jews have a solid plan to kill Paul? In what way did God intervene?
b) What does this highlight about Point #1? How does this also highlight a problem-free life? Be specific.
c) How can you apply Point #1 to a current struggle you're having to face? How can your Grow Group help?

Point #2
a) Read Acts 23:23-24. Given God told Paul to leave Jerusalem (22:18), how did this ultimately happen?
b) What does this highlight about God fulfilling His plan regardless of the situation or opposition? (i.e., Point #2)
c) In what way does Point #2 encourage you? How can it also redefine what "winning" will look like.

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.
A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at **pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons**.

MONDAY // Read Acts 23:12-15, Romans 8:28
- How does Paul's experience in Jerusalem encourage you when you encounter tough times?
- What does this say about a connection between obedient Christianity and a problem-free life?
- In what way can an unbiblical perspective develop and distort what Christianity is all about?

TUESDAY // Read Acts 23:16-22, 16:19-31, Proverbs 16:9, Ephesians 3:20-21
- What was unexpected about Paul's situation in terms of saving his life? Be specific.
- How did a similar thing happen to Paul in Philippi? What does this highlight about turning lemons into lemonade?
- In what way might God be surprising you in a current struggle? How can you trust Him in a deeper way?

WEDNESDAY // Read Acts 23:12-22, Luke 1:26-56
- Why was the birth of Jesus, without exception, God's greatest surprise to mankind? (Hint: Mary)
- How can this unique Christmas story actually be an important truth to apply in everyday life?
- Give 3 examples from scripture when God did a surprising, extraordinary work. (e.g., Moses, Joseph, etc.)

THURSDAY // Read Acts 23:23-24, 22:17-21, Proverbs 21:30
- Why did God tell Paul He wanted him to leave Jerusalem? How did this ultimately take place?
- How did the Jewish leaders try to prevent it? What does this highlight about God fulfilling His plan?
- How does this encourage you and bring you confidence this week? Be specific.

FRIDAY // Read 1 Kings 18
- What do you find to be the most impressive part of Elijah's faith and confidence in the Lord?
- How easily would you have accepted 850 to 1 odds? What does this say about God's ability to win?
- In what way do you struggle with having an "Elijah faith" in the Lord? How does this encourage you?

SATURDAY // Read Acts 7:1-8:1, Isaiah 8:10
- If God is never defeated or doesn't lose, how do you explain the outcome of Stephen's speech?
- What did God do for Stephen to show that he was fulfilling His will and was winning? Be specific.
- How do you see Romans 8:28 applying to Stephen's situation? How can this apply to your situation?

MEDITATION VERSE: *[28]And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.* **Romans 8:28**