

LIFE GROUPS

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Leader's Guide

Week of October 8

Acts 23:11-24:27

The Big Idea

The work God does in us while we're waiting is just as important as what we're waiting for.

Getting Started

1. What is something you've had to wait for in your life? What are you waiting for right now in your life?
 2. What did God do in your when you were waiting? What did you learn (if anything)? What was the result?
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Digging In

1. **Read Acts 23:11.** What effect do you think this had on Paul's state of mind? How might it have affected his actions/words?
***Leader's Note:** Paul clearly was able to take courage from this promise. Since Paul knew God would take him to Rome, he was able to more boldly proclaim.
2. **Read Acts 23:12-35.** In what ways does God fulfill His promise to Paul?
***Leader's Note:** Among other things, God arranges for Paul to be "transferred" to a safer place by 470 Roman soldiers! People are plotting to kill Paul, but God is clearly protecting him so that Paul can get to Rome.
3. **Read Acts 24:1-27.** What would you be feeling as you sat in prison for two years? Would you be tempted to "take the easy way out" and just pay Felix a bribe (v. 24:26)?
4. What purpose do you think God had in delaying Paul's journey to Rome for two years?
***Leader's Note:** Talk about this with your group! Pose for them some different options (disobedience, spiritual warfare, because God knows what's best, mercy, etc.) Ultimately lead them to the point that: **The work God does in us while we're waiting is just as important as what we're waiting for.**

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Looking Around

1. What promises has God told you about the future?
How does that affect your current actions?
2. What do you think God wants to teach you in something you're waiting for right now?

Pray

Thank God for something that He's made you wait for. Maybe you've never done this and this can be a time that you can reflect that even though something didn't happen according to your ideal timeline, God was gracious and sovereign in making you wait.



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