

Same God

Acts 22.30-23.35

Focus: calling us to hope in God's sovereign working, especially in suffering and hardship, to accomplish His good purposes in and through us



Paul Before the Sanhedrin

Not very many people take the time to preach on passages like this! Here is the most helpful teaching I found on this text:

<https://bible.org/seriespage/sanhedrin-caesarea-acts-2230-2335>

Discussion:

- Read the entire passage and then list all the ways God is at work/all the things he uses to accomplish his purposes in and through Paul.
- How can this glimpse into God's lordship over even our hardship and suffering be an encouragement to you in what you are facing? (You may need to just spend the bulk of your time right here, praying for and encouraging those who are suffering in your group. Make space for that, should God so lead.)
- In verse 11, Jesus comes to Paul to encourage him. Do you think that still happens today? In the absence of such a direct encounter, how does Christ strengthen his people most often?
- What is the relationship between Paul's profession of faithfulness (verse 1) and God's commitment to use him (verse 11)?
- What would you say, in a nutshell, that this passage teaches about God's sovereignty and our hardship? How can this help you in your times of suffering?

2014-2015 Acts Focus

To advance our church in our knowledge and experience of the Spirit in such a way that we will increasingly embrace His ministry in and through us, especially in witness.

