

Acts 22-23 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. Using Acts 22:17-23 what did God reveal to Paul and where (v17-18)? How did Paul's response confirm this (v19-20)? What did God then say (v21) and what resulted (v22-23)?

5. Read 22:24-29. What did the Roman commander do (v24) and how did Paul respond (v25)? To what did this lead (v26-27), what did Paul reveal (v28), and with what effect (v29)?

6. In 22:30-23:5 what was the commander's next step (v30)? How did Paul begin (v1) and what did this cause (v2)? What was Paul's initial response (v3) and then later (4-5)? How is this a good example for us?

7. From 23:6-11 what did Paul say then (v6)? To what did this lead and why (v7-9, 10)? Why do you think Paul took this approach? What did God then reveal to Paul (v11)?

8. Using 23:12-15 what was the Jewish response next (v12-13) and what shows how serious they were (v14)? How were they going to carry this out (v15)?

9. According to 23:16-24 how was the Jewish plot foiled (v16, 17-22)? What does this show? What did the commander then do (v23-24)?

10. In 23:25-35 what did Lysias' letter to Felix reveal about Paul (v27, 28-29)? What did Felix order after Paul arrived (v31-35)?

11. Looking back over Acts 22-23 how had God sovereignly directed Paul's life—what led to what (22:1-5, 6-16, 17-21, 22-30; 23:1-10, 11, 12-25, 26-35)? How might you have felt if you had been through this and how did Paul view all this? Apply this to your life.

Scripture to Remember

“And now why do you delay? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.”

Acts 22:16 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions

Really God? Do You Care about the Underdog? (Habakkuk 2:6-20)

(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share with your group about whether you typically pull for the underdog or the frontrunner. Why? Tell the group about a time you stood up for the underdog.
2. Read Hab 2:6-8. What are some of the ways today that we “legally” take what is not ours? What is our root issue when we do this, and how will God deal with us?
3. As you refer to 2:9-11 discuss how people try to gain financial security, in both good and bad ways. When is this bad and what will be the result for us?
4. Using 2:12-14 what “city” are most people building? What investments lead us to drink the “toilet water” and which ones allow us to drink in “the glory of the Lord”?
5. From 2:15-17 what “venom” was being used to bring one's neighbors down? How does that apply to us today, especially compared to 1 Cor 8:9-12? How should we use our freedom in Christ?
6. According to 2:18-20 why is idolatry so foolish? List some of the idols we have today and why we serve them. How should we respond, according v20?
7. Share or discuss anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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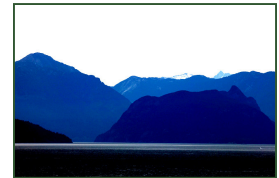
The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

From Pillar to Post Acts 22-23

The phrase “from pillar to post” may have originated in Puritan New England to describe a person taken from the pillory (jail) to the whipping post. The phrase denotes the sense of having no control, but of being yanked back and forth. This is how Paul could have felt in this week’s study. Having been seized unjustly in the temple and housed in Roman barracks, he then spoke to an angry mob and had to defend himself before the religious elite. He then had to be moved to another site to avoid a plot on his life, but through it all Paul believed that God’s hand was moving purposefully. He used the first setting to share his testimony with the mob. Reviewing God’s call on his life he told them of his upbringing under the rabbi Gamaliel and of his zeal for the Law, as evidenced by his persecution of Christians. He then shared how

God had stopped him cold on the Damascus road and called him to speak His message, not just to the Jews, but primarily to the Gentiles. The mere mention of his mission to the Gentiles caused such an uproar with the mob that they wanted to kill him. As he was returned to the barracks to be examined by scourging he asked the commander if it was legal to scourge a Roman citizen who was not condemned. This led the commander, Lysias, to stop his punishment and to place him before the Jewish leaders so that he could hear his defense before them. In this process God’s revealing of His plan for Paul’s life would unfold. Paul began his defense by stating his integrity, which led to his being struck for his pride. Paul reviled the High Priest and realized that they would not accept God’s work through him. Sensing that there was



The manifest destiny of disciples is to recapture the world for Jesus.

disagreement in the council over belief in the resurrection, he told them he was on trial for his hope in the resurrection of the dead. This put them into such a conflict that the trial ended. Afraid that Paul would be torn to pieces Lysias took him back to the barracks, and while he was there God confirmed that he would be a witness for Him at Rome. Finally, Paul was rescued by God’s providence. Being informed that there was a plot on Paul’s life Lysias sent him to Caesarea, to stand trial before Felix. This would again allow Paul an opportunity to share Christ. God’s purpose was being fulfilled, even as Paul was moved from pillar to post.

Study Questions for Acts 22-23

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study%20questions))

1. Read Acts 22:1-5. Who did Paul address (v1) and how (v2)? What was the result and why (v2)? What did he first share (v3, 4-5) and what was his point (v3)?	
2. From 22:6-11 what details did Paul reveal about his story next (v6, 7-8, 9, 10, 11)? What did he want his audience to understand?	
3. Using 22:12-16 who helped Paul, what was he like (v12-13), and what did he tell Paul about God’s will for him (v14-15)? What 2 things did he tell Paul to do (v16) and which one “washed away his sins”?	

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