

All Out!

Finding Purpose In Life's Detours

Acts 23:11

...The Lord stood by him and said, Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome.”

Acts 23:11 NIV

What does Paul do?

How does Paul respond to a detour?

Paul is _____

Paul is _____

Paul is _____

What about us?

What is our response to a detour?

What would it look like to be present?

What would it look like to be settled?

What would it look like to be unashamed?



**LIFE GROUP
MATERIAL**

Week of March 5, 2017

All Out: Week 7

READING PLAN NOTE:

As part of the ALL OUT sermon series, we're encouraging everyone at every campus of WestGate Church (and every Life Group) to emphasize prayer for the next 90 days.

GETTING STARTED:

Talk about a time when you had to tell the truth, but it had very real consequences.

DIVING IN:

Read **Acts 23:1-11**. What strikes you (ha!) about this story?

Paul has now gathered the extreme hostility of the entire Jewish community in Jerusalem. Where do you think the dark human impulse for religious persecution of another person comes from?

QUESTION 1:

Have you ever experienced hostility from other people because of your religious beliefs? What lessons did you learn from this?

QUESTION 2:

In his defense of himself in **Acts 26:12-31**, Paul basically says that the resurrection of Jesus challenges every single person's view of life, existence and the world (regardless of their background).

Do you agree with this? How does/has the resurrection of Jesus challenged you personally?

MAKING IT PERSONAL:

In this section of Acts, Luke is recording the clash of cultures between the early Jesus movement and the ancient Greek, Roman and Jewish worlds. In what ways do you think the message of Jesus confronts our current culture today?

In what ways has Jesus confronted you in your own life during your time with Him? What lessons did you learn?

PRAYER EMPHASIS:

This past weekend, we talked about being present, settled and unashamed. Which of these three do you most need help with right now? Pray together and ask the Lord for help.

Present: being fully aware that God is at work even in the midst of troubling circumstances

Settled: being confident in the goodness and work of Jesus Christ

Unashamed: when your words and life choices unabashedly testify to Jesus' work in us