

**Sermon Text: Acts 22:22 - 23:11**

**Sermon Notes:**

## Community Group:

**Location:**

**Date:**

**Prayer Requests:**

**Lesson Topic:**

**Scripture References:**

**Lesson Notes:**

**What will I do as a result of our study?**

**Bible Reading: Acts 22:22—23:11**

**Questions for Reflection:**

What tactics did Paul use toward the crowd and the authorities? Why?

If I had been part of the crowd, how would I have responded to Paul?

Why were Jesus' words so important and needed?

How does Paul's faith and courage strengthen me?

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(Suggested SOAP passage: Acts 23:11)

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**Bible Reading:**        **Ephesians 2**

### Questions for Reflection:

What is so significant about how Christians have been changed from 'corpses' to people 'holy and blameless,' able to sit in God's presence?

We all live life vertically and horizontally, that is how our identity works. Vertically, our identity describes where we stand in relation to God. Horizontally, our identity describes where we stand in relation to other humans. Vertically in Christ, Christians are now able to dwell with God. This means, horizontally we are able to dwell uniquely with other humans; in particular, others 'in Christ'.

Think about God's people – how might we best express what this 'new humanity' looks like as we meet together?

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**Bible Reading:** Ephesians 3

### Questions for Reflection:

History is about God's plan to bring the entire world to right standing 'in Christ.' That includes people from every nation, tribe and tongue reconciled to God and each other, 'in Christ.' When this happens in the church here and in the future, what is God shown to be (vs.8-12)?

Think about the people you meet with at church – how do you display the 'multi-faceted wisdom of God'?

Paul's prayer is for the Ephesians to grasp the magnitude of God's love; the very same love that moved them from corpse to Christian (vs.17-19). The whole point of this prayer is so that God's mob can display God to the world (vs.19). The prayer is so big that we need to be reminded of the bigness of God – he can do so much more than anything we can imagine (vs.20-21). Take a moment to just read, and re-read, this prayer a few times. Compare it with so many prayers we offer and hear. Consider again how immense it is!

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