



### **Life Group Study Questions** **Acts 22:30-23:11**

1. Read Acts 23:12-35 together. As you think about this weekend's sermon, what stood out to you? What questions come to mind? Was there anything unclear or confusing?
2. Have you ever had a "coincidental or lucky" moment? Talk about what made the moment seem so coincidental? As a Christian, did you see God's hand in it?
3. God's providence could be defined as: "The act of purposefully providing for, or sustaining and governing the world." Do you struggle with the fact that God is in control of all things? Why or why not?
4. Walk through our passage: in what ways do you see God's hand at work to fulfill his promise that he made in verse 11?
5. Look up the following passages that speak about God's providence over all things and discuss:
  - Psalm 104:14-15                      - Mark 1:27                      - Isaiah 42:5-6
  - Job 1:6-12                              - Proverbs 21:1                      - Job 34:14-15
  - Job 38-39                                - 2 Timothy 2:24-26
6. Why do you think so many Christians try and argue against God being in control of all things? What are some of the arguments you've heard?
7. Pastor Andrew's first application was: "Trusting God's providence gives us patience when things go against us." Do you have an example of when you had to trust God's plan and will for your life?
8. Pastor Andrew's second application was: "Trusting God's providence makes us thankful when things go well." How does trusting God's control give you contentment in any circumstance? Read Philippians 4:10-13 to see Paul's perspective.
9. Pastor Andrew's third application was: "Trusting God's providence gives us confidence in our faithful God." Do you believe God actually works out all things for our good and his glory? Even the bad things?