

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

SHARE: About a time when you disagreed with authority. How did you handle it? What was the outcome?

READ: Acts 23:1-11. How did Paul deal with authority here? Why would Paul respect the High Priest despite his disagreement and mistreatment by him?

READ: Romans 13:1-2. What does this verse tell us about dealing with authorities? Where do you struggle with this?

READ: 1 Peter 2:13-14, 17. What does "Proper respect" mean? Who do you struggle to show respect to? How can you honor civic leaders that you may disagree with?

SHARE: What are situations today that would warrant disobeying an authority?

READ: Acts 23:11. What is God's plan for Paul? How does knowing God's plan help when we face difficulty? How can we know God's plan for our lives?

READ: Acts 23:12-22. How did God protect Paul in this situation? How have you seen God's protection in your life?

READ: Acts 23:23-24. How do you see God's provision in these verses? Have you seen God's provision in your life?

READ: Acts 24:14-16, 24-26. What opportunities did God provide for Paul to share the gospel? What platforms has God given you to share your faith in Jesus?

READ: Acts 24:27. Have you had to wait for God to move in your life? How can we grow in the waiting?