

# MISSIONAL COMMUNITY DISCUSSION GUIDE

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## WHAT IS A MISSIONAL COMMUNITY?

A missional community is a family of servant missionaries sent to make, mature, and multiply disciples of Jesus!

### Acts 23:12-35

**Man's evil schemes cannot thwart the sovereign purposes of God.**

- I. Gospel Haters Plot to Kill Paul
- II. God Uses a Boy's Courage to Thwart Their Evil Plan
- III. God Uses Pagan Power to Protect Gospel Mission

1. What details in verses 12–15 highlight the seriousness and intensity of the plot against Paul?
2. What role does Paul's nephew play in the story (vv.16–22), and what does this teach us about how God often works?
3. In what ways do the actions of Paul's enemies unintentionally serve God's purposes rather than stop them? Can you identify specific ironies in the passage?
4. What does this text teach us about the relationship between God's sovereignty and human responsibility?
5. Where have you seen God working “behind the scenes” through a difficult circumstance in your own life? What has been the fruit of it?
6. Paul's nephew took a real risk by speaking up. What fears or risks often keep you from acting courageously for the sake of Christ? What might faithful obedience look like for you in evangelism?