

# 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 22:30-23:11

#### Faithful Christians Will Be Opposed, But Never Abandoned

- I. Paul Rebukes the High Priest (23:1-5)
- II. Paul Divides the Sanhedrin- Pharisees and Sadducees (23:6-10)
- III. The Lord Reassures Paul (23:11)

  

1. Paul rebukes the high priest and then quickly submits to Scripture when he realizes who he addressed. What does this teach us about the balance between boldness and humility in confronting sin?
2. Have you ever experienced opposition, ridicule, or relational loss because you spoke truth or stood faithfully for Christ? How did that affect your walk with the Lord?
3. God protects Paul through the chaos and division of his enemies. Can you think of a time when God used confusion, conflict, or even false accusations to protect or refine you?
4. The sermon emphasized that we don't always need to defend ourselves- God will vindicate us in His time. Why is it so hard for us to trust God with our reputation? What usually happens when we try to take that job from Him?
5. When Jesus is falsely accused in Matthew 11:18-19, he responded with "Wisdom is justified by her deeds." What does this mean and how does this help us endure seasons when we are misunderstood or falsely accused?
6. Where might God be calling you right now to stand firm, speak truth, or remain faithful even if it costs you something? What would it look like to trust His presence more than you fear people?
7. What similarities do you see between what Paul goes through here and what Jesus went through at His trial? What are the key differences? How does that bring you assurance?