

### The Heart of the Matter

12. As Paul faced death he was able to state that he had endeavored to live in “good conscience.” If you were facing the same fate what would you be able to say about yourself? What needs to change right now?

13. As Jesus encouraged Paul with His words, how has the Lord encouraged you with His words over the years?

14. What could be your “Rome” - the next crucial step in your spiritual journey?

15. In what areas of your life do you need to rest in God’s protection? In what areas of your life do you need to live in the presence of God (Coram Deo)?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



## Life Group Study Guide

Living Before God

*Coram Deo*

Acts 22:30 - 23:35

For the Week of August 11, 2019

### Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

2. What was the most frightening thing that happened to you last week?

3. What is the most life changing letter you ever received?

### **Digging Deeper**

4. In verse 1 Paul mentions that he has tried to live his life with a “good conscience.” Conscience is one of Paul’s favorite words, used 21 times in his letters. What does it mean? How would you describe someone who was living with a “good conscience”?

5. Paul and the Jewish council (the Sanhedrin) are at great odds in this passage. What has sparked this exchange of accusations against Paul? (Acts 21:21, 28)

6. Why and how does Paul show his respect for the Jewish Law after he was corrected for his words against the chief priest in verses 1-5?

7. Why does Paul change the focus of attention from keeping the Law to his hope in the resurrection in verse 6? What was the result of Paul’s opening up that can-of-worms with the council in verses 7-10?

8. We last heard God speak to Paul in Acts 18:9-10, after he had experienced a series of setbacks. How would the Lord’s message in verse 11 be so very timely for Paul?

9. How do you explain the fierce determination of these Jews to kill Paul? (Romans 10:2) Why do they think that Paul is so dangerous?

10. How does God protect Paul through the work of Paul’s nephew and the Roman tribune in verses 16-30? What risks did either of them take in protecting Paul? In all likelihood what is the tribune’s purpose in protecting Paul?

11. Explain God’s overall care for Paul through how He kept Paul from the hands of those in the council who wanted to kill him and through how the tribune provided an escort of 470 soldiers for him, an escort fit for a king?