

Part 50 | **Paul Before the Sanhedrin**

Acts 22:22-23:11

1. Paul **CONFRONTS** the Sanhedrin. (23:1)

2. Paul provokes a **CONFLICT**. (23:2-5)

3. Paul's **CONQUEST** of the Sanhedrin. (23:6-10)

 4. Paul is **CONSOLED**. (23:11)



Have you had some Gospel Conversations? Tell us about it!

Text **"CONVERSATION"** to **833-271-8805**, then follow the prompts.

You can also text this number anytime for prayer. Just say, **"Pray for..."** followed by your request.

Gospel Conversations

Part of our **Enduring Reach** vision is:

By 2030 the people of Wawasee Bible will engage in 10,000 Gospel Conversations

Types of "Gospel Conversations"

Any intentional conversation with someone you hope to meet Jesus counts as a Gospel Conversation. As you count your conversations, try to categorize them as to what "level" of a conversation it is.

NOTE, there is not a "right" or "wrong" here, it's just a tool to help you gradually move toward level 5 conversations with those far from God, with hopes that they might meet Jesus.

Categories of Gospel Conversations:

- 1 Connecting** (News/Weather/Sports)
These are casual "connecting" conversations. We all have them every day, multiple times, even with those we're closest to.
- 2 Personal** (Personal Details, Family, etc.)
Personal conversations go further to reveal or disclose something from each other's personal lives. Family, vocation, frustrations, personal joys, interests, etc.
- 3 Their Story**
Here you learn something of their *spiritual* background, knowledge, interest, etc.
- 4 My Story**
Sharing part or all of your faith story.
- 5 God's Story**
Sharing part or all of the Gospel with them, Jesus's work, our response, etc.

We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.



Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Group!

Getting to Know You

Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, here's two totally *random* questions to discuss and break the ice as you get going. Have everyone answer at least one:

1. If you could compete for a \$1 million prize on any reality TV show, which would you choose?
2. What's your favorite scent?

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Digging Deeper

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week.

This week our "Digging Deeper" questions will focus on the life of David. David had many highs and failures. Fortunately, he was usually surrounded by people who were willing to do the right thing, the right way—Just as Paul did during his trials in Acts. This week we will take a look at a couple of those people.

1. One of the refreshing things about the Bible is how human the characters are and how they respond in both good and bad ways. In **1 Samuel 25:2-35**, some characters responded in the right way and some in the wrong way. Read the passage, then fill in the chart below.

Character Observations About Their Response:

Nabal
Abigail
David

- Based on the passage above, was there a specific observation that stood out to you the most?

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Welcome to Wawasee!

OUR OUTCOMES

This is who we hope you grow to *become* at Wawasee Bible...

If I'm truly growing as a follower of Jesus, I should be growing in the ways that I am...



1 | Receiving From God.

Am I reading the Word regularly? When am I gathering to hear the Word taught? What fruit of the Spirit do I see growing in my life?



2 | Responding To God.

How am I talking to and listening to God regularly? What are some healthy spiritual habits I'm working on (things like giving, scripture memory, repentance, rest, etc.)?



3 | Receiving From Others.

Where and how am I in community/friendship with other Christians in our church who have a window to speak into my life?



4 | Moving Toward Others.

How and where am I contributing to and initiating community with other Christians in our church? (Or am I only consuming?)



5 | Going to those Far from God.

How am I regularly going toward those who are far from God—loving them, sharing God's Story and my own story? When was the last time I shared God's story and/or my faith story? Who is on my PEARL list?

Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for Acts 23:8-11 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

⁸For the **Sadducees** say that **there** is no **resurrection**, nor **angel**, nor **spirit**, but the **Pharisees acknowledge** them all. ⁹**Then a great clamor arose**, and **some** of the **scribes** of the **Pharisees' party stood up** and **contended sharply**, "We **find nothing** wrong in this man. What if a **spirit** or an **angel spoke** to him?" ¹⁰And when the **dissension became violent**,

the **tribune**, **afraid** that **Paul** would be **torn** to **pieces** by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and **take** him away from among them by force and bring him into the barracks. ¹¹The following night the Lord **stood** by him and said, "**Take** courage, for as you have **testified** to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must **testify** also in Rome."

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Study Guide (continued)

- Like Abigail did with David, can you think of a time when someone addressed a potentially difficult topic with you and handled it the "right" way?
- Have you ever initiated a conversation with someone about the right topic but approached it the wrong way?
- If you had to do the conversation over again, what would you do differently?
- How do you think Paul did with the Sanhedrin in Acts 23?

2. Oftentimes God uses people in our lives to speak truth and help us reconcile our relationships with both him and others. After David committed adultery with Bathsheba and then murdered her husband Uriah to cover it up, God sent Nathan the prophet to rebuke him. **Read 2 Samuel 12:1-13** and take note of Nathan's timing, tact, and tone..

- Approaching a king to rebuke his actions can be a dangerous proposition. What can we learn from Nathan in his approach with David?
- Thinking about Nathan, is there someone you know whom you allow to speak truth into your life? What characteristics does this person possess that you desire to have?
- Have you played the role of Nathan in someone's life? What was that experience like?

Close

As you close, take time to pray for each other. Consider **dividing into separate groups of men and women** as you pray for one another.

Much of this week's Study Guide are adapted from a study by North Coast Church in Vista, CA. North Coast is a sister church of Wawasee Bible and part of the EFCA.



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