ACTS EMPOWERED FOR JESUS'S MISSION

Sunday, May 12, 2024 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 54 | In Any & Every Situation

Whatever the **CIRCUMSTANCES**

God is still in control Acts 27... Psalm 37:23-24; Philippians 4:12-13



he will keep vou v.1

God has sent you to **LOVE PEOPLE**

the greatest v. 7-8 1 Peter 2:17; Jeremiah 29:7; 1 Timothy 2:1-2

the least v. 9 Matthew 25:40; Proverbs 19:17; Mark 9:35

and INVITE them...

to relationship, friendship, church... Luke 19:1-10

to follow Jesus Matthew 9:9-13



Have you had some Gospel Conversations? Tell us about it! Text "CONVERSATION" to 833-271-8805, then follow the prompts.



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:



Connecting (News/Weather/Sports)

These are casual "connecting" conversations. We all have them every day, multiple times, even with those we're closest to.



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.

We are sent to love people and invite them to follow



Their Story

Here you learn something of their spiritual background, knowledge, interest, etc.



My Story

Sharing part or all of your faith story.



God's Story

Sharing part or all of the Gospel with them, Jesus's work, our response, etc.



life 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, & ive 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 some questions to discuss and break the ice as you get going.

- 1. What day in your life would you like to relive?
- 2. If you're family had a mascot, what would it be?

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 we'll be studying Psalm 121.

- 1. Read through Psalm 121 below. Study it. Read it again, slowly. Mark it up. Then you'll discuss it with your group.
 - Circle or highlight any words or phrases that catch your attention.
 - **Underline** what you think is important to remember.
 - Put an X next to anything that confuses you.

A SONG OF ASCENTS

- ¹ Hift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
- ² My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
- ⁴ Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.
- ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
- ⁸ The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

PSALM 121 (ESV)

Welcome to Wawasee!

OUR This is who we hope you grow **OUTCOMES** 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...



Receiving

Am I reading the Word regularly? When am I gathering to hear the



Responding To God.

Receiving

Toward Others. other Christians in our church? (Or am I only consuming?)

Going to those

How am I talking to and listening to God regularly? What are some

How and where am I contributing to and initiating community with

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 Psalm 121 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

A **SONG** OF **ASCENTS**. 11 **lift** up my **eyes** to the **hills**. From where does my help come? ²My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. 3 He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will

not slumber. 4 Behold, he who **keeps Israel** will EHILLSLUMBER neither slumber nor V R G H H Y C O M E I N sleep. 5 The LORD is your **keeper**; the **LORD** is ISHADEGEOHTN your **shade** on your **right** hand. 6 The sun shall not **strike** you by day, nor the **moon** by **night**. ⁷ The OTHRIGHTYI **LORD** will **keep** you from IOHEINLORDF all **evil**; he will **keep** your life. 8 The LORD will keep your **going** out and your **coming** in from this time forth and forevermore. ASCENTSOMOON

Study Guide (continued)

- What images or phrases stand out to you in this psalm?
- What do you think the psalmist means by "I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?"
- How does the psalmist describe God's role in our lives, especially in terms of protection and care?
- This week we saw Paul thriving even in the midst of some crazy circumstances. When is a time that you've felt God's protection or provision in your own life—maybe even in some un-asked for situations?
 - Read Philippians 4:12-13.
 - Paul said he "learned the secret" of contentment and trust in the situations he faced. Think of a situation you've been through or are in now... what did God teach you—or what is he teaching you—about trusting him?
 - How has that situation impacted your journey of faith?
- Let's look at some other passages of Scripture that speak of God's protection and faithfulness. Read them aloud in your group, then take time to discuss how you might practically put those promises into practice in your day-today life (at home, at your 9-to-5, etc.).
 - Isaiah 41:10
 - Psalm 91:1-2
 - Proverbs 3:5-6
 - Do any other Scriptures like these come to mind?

Close

As you close, take time to pray for each other. Thank God for his protection and ask him for help to trust his faithfulness, in any and every situation.

Consider **dividing into separate groups of men and women** as you pray for one another.



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ACTS 28:1-10



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