

SMALL GROUP NOTES

GROUND RULES

What's said in a group stays in the group.

Encourage others and hold yourself accountable.

Where is it written in the Bible?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- What role do “ordinary” or unnamed characters (Paul’s nephew, soldiers, messengers) play in the narrative, and how does their presence shape our understanding of God’s providence?

- How would Paul’s Roman citizenship have been understood in the first century, and why does it significantly alter the course of events in Acts 23–24?

- What specific claims and actions by Paul threatened the Jewish leaders’ understanding of the Law, the temple, and their authority that they viewed his continued existence as a danger rather than merely a disagreement?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

- What could God be producing through your present limitations?

- Is there an area where God has spoken clearly but you’ve postponed obedience?

- Paul’s imprisonment became a platform for advancing the gospel. How might God use limitations, opposition, or “waiting seasons” in our lives for a greater purpose?

Read Ahead: Acts 25:1-27