

## TRIALS AND TRANSFORMATION

*Acts 23:11, 24:10-26*

### MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. GOD'S HAND IS AT WORK IN OUR TRIALS
2. LET YOUR LIFE BE TRANSFORMED BY THE GOSPEL
3. LET YOUR HOPE BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RESURRECTION

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why
2. This week's message was all about trials. The phrase "what doesn't kill you makes you stronger" is very commonly accepted today. What do you think of that idea?
3. One of the main ideas this week was that "God's hand is at work in our trials." Have you had any trials in your life that you can look at now and see how God has been able to work them for good? Are there any trials you've walked through or are currently walking through that you can't see any good in?
4. Paul allowed the gospel to transform 1) how he related to God 2) how he related to other people and 3) how he viewed his circumstances. What kinds of changes does the gospel bring in these areas of life? Which of these three areas would you say you need the most help in?
5. Pastor Ryan talked about how we don't spend enough time on the resurrection in our daily lives. What might it look like to regularly focus on the resurrection and all that it means for us?
6. The resurrection of Jesus shows us that there are no real dead ends for God's people. Are there any areas of your life where you feel stuck right now? Is there any way that Paul's example while he was imprisoned could be helpful to you?
7. **OPEN DISCUSSION:** This has been a year of trials for many people. Consider setting aside some time for people to list all the various challenges they have faced this year. Don't feel the need to provide answers or solutions to all the problems but instead use this time as a chance to process life out loud as a group. End this discussion in prayer.