

*Valley Bible Church – Sermon Study Questions*

**Study Aid for the Sermon from September 9, 2018**  
**Paul Appeals to a Centurion**  
**Acts 22:30-23:11**

**Observing the text**

Why did the commander bring Paul before the council? How did he expect the council to help?

This is the sixth time we read of this council convening (cf. John 11:47-53, Luke 22:66-71, Acts 4:5-22, 5:21-40, 6:12-7:60). What is similar and what is different about this time than all the others?

What is the meaning of Paul's words in verse 5?

What caused Paul to bring up the resurrection of the dead?

Why did Luke include verse 11?

**Applying the sermon**

Are you able to say, like Paul, that you are living with a good conscience before God? If not, consider the significance of your lack of sincere faith.

How have you seen religious leaders act in ways similar to Ananias? What was your response and how did that compare with Paul's response? When is such opposition appropriate?

Which types of religious people do you find more difficult to minister to, those who are like the Sadducees or those who are like the Pharisees? What challenges do you face in speaking with each type?

What trials in your life is God bringing you through? How faithful have you been to represent the Lord on earth during those trials?