



BIG IDEA

“The resurrection of Jesus Christ gives us a supernatural hope that endures all situations, that’s the unstoppable and unequal power found in our Christian faith. Because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ we’ve been given a supernatural hope that endures all situations.”

THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

1. How were you impacted by the message this week?
2. What is the message that changed Paul’s life and continues to change lives today?
Read: Acts 24:14-26, 21b, Acts 26:6-29
3. What sustained Paul in the hard times? Why did putting his trust in Jesus make a difference?
4. How is the biblical definition of hope different from Webster’s? Define biblical hope in your own words.
Read: Psalm 33:16-22, Psalm 130:7, 1 Timothy 6:17, Romans 8:23-24a, Romans 15:12b-13
5. What is the Holy Spirit’s role in those trying circumstances in our life? As believers who can we count on to always be by our side no matter what?
6. As we mature as Christians, what else should mature and why? What does that maturity help us do?
Read: Acts 23:12-15, Acts 24:1-9, Acts 25:1-5, Acts 23:11b, 1 Peter 1:13-16, 1 Corinthians 13:7, 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3
7. What kind of persecution is Paul facing? How does he respond to this persecution?
8. Have you ever been persecuted for your faith in Jesus? If so, tell your story?

NOTES

PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

1. How were you personally challenged this week?
2. How have you seen God at work in your life or the lives of others this week?
3. What circumstance in your life do you need to apply the supernatural power of hope we find in Jesus to endure?
4. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?

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Pray: This week, pray for those all around the world who are being persecuted for their faith in Jesus.

Read: Acts 24:14-26, 21b, Acts 26:6-29, Psalm 33:16-22, Psalm 130:7, 1 Timothy 6:17, Romans 8:23-24a, Romans 15:12b-13, Acts 23:12-15, Acts 24:1-9, Acts 25:1-5, Acts 23:11b, 1 Peter 1:13-16, 1 Corinthians 13:7, 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3. Take time to reflect on these passages and write down your thoughts. Visit gatewayepc.org/news to read and review the sermon manuscript.

Write: Write down your thoughts and insights from the sermon this week. Keeping a journal is just one more tool that you can use to track what God is showing you in your walk with him.

Sing: Listen to the worship songs from Sunday throughout the week. Look up the lyrics to each song and spend some time reading them.

Memorize: As a Life Group, pick a few verses from the sermon and memorize them this week. Acts 24:14-26, 21b, Acts 26:6-29, Psalm 33:16-22, Psalm 130:7, 1 Timothy 6:17, Romans 8:23-24a, Romans 15:12b-13, Acts 23:12-15, Acts 24:1-9, Acts 25:1-5, Acts 23:11b, 1 Peter 1:13-16, 1 Corinthians 13:7, 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

Love: How can your group pray for you as you grow in your maturity as a Christian? How can your group encourage you to find the hope we have talked about this week?