

## *Questions for Reflection and Discussion*

### **Acts 22:23 – 23:11**

#### ***Oh No – Not Again!***

#### ***Background***

Write a brief summary of **Acts 22:17-22**. How did the crowd respond to Paul's description of his vision in the temple? Why?

#### ***Digging In***

1. **Read Ac 22:23-29**. What did the Roman commander plan to do to find out what was going on?
2. Why did he change his mind?
3. Do you think Paul was right to bring up his Roman citizenship? Why or why not?
4. **Read 22:30 – 23:5**. What did the commander do next to find out why Paul was being accused?
5. In your own words, describe what happened in **23:1-5**.
6. **Read 23:6-8**. What did Paul say to divert attention from himself? How did the members of the Sanhedrin respond?
7. How did the commander deal with the uproar? (**vss. 9-10**)
8. **Read v. 11**. How do you think Paul was feeling after all that had happened since his arrival in Jerusalem?
9. What did the Lord do to encourage Paul?



#### ***Getting Personal***

- How was Paul's behavior in Acts 23 an example of Jesus' instructions to the disciples in **Matt 10:16**?
- How was his behavior an example of **1 Peter 2:13-17**?
- Can you think of a situation today where it would be right for a Christian to assert his or her rights as a citizen? Explain.
- How can we follow Paul's example, and the Bible's teaching in passages such as **Rom 13:1-7**, **1 Peter 2:13-17**, and **3:15-17**?
- How has God given us the same "promise of his presence"? (**Matt 28:18-20**; **Heb 13:5**)
- How can these passages help us not become weary in doing what God has called us to do? (see also **Gal 6:9**)