

Sermon Discussion Questions

Serving:

Leaders, please share the following volunteer opportunities with your group members each week. Thanks!

Highlighted Opportunity: Our FIRST IMPRESSIONS Team has opportunities serving in ALL areas! Can you name all of the areas in First Impressions and what they do?

Sign Team: Makes sure all of our Sunday signage is out early and is visible.

Coffee Bar: This team is responsible for keeping our church caffeinated and helping everyone feel welcomed and served!

Welcome Desk: This team helps make new members feel welcomed, answer questions about our church, help people connect in groups or classes and helps with church apparel.

Greeter Team: We always need more smiling faces welcoming members, opening doors and being our first faces our congregation see on Sundays!

Usher Team: This team helps open the sanctuary doors, hand out communion cups and helps find seating for those that need it.

SIGN UP [**HERE**](#) for Lakeside and [**HERE**](#) For Heber-Overgaard

Other Serving Needs Include: Hospitality, Clean Team, Worship Team, Security, First Impressions, Elder Care, His Kidz, His Kidz Registration, Next Gen, Audio/Visual and Next Step Team.

DATE: January 4th, 2026

SERMON TITLE: God Is In Control

MAIN POINT: When we can know, focus on, and trust that God is doing more than we can possibly

imagine, then we can have the peace of God in any situation and bring Him glory.

SERMON SCRIPTURE: Acts 21:27-36

REVIEW: Acts 21:27-36 (Click the links in blue for easier reading!)

Use this time to revisit the Scripture and Sermon together. Encourage open and honest conversation while asking and answering questions as a group.

Questions:

➤ Comprehension:

What does the passage say in your own words?

Questions or things you don't understand? Now is the time to ask!

➤ Interpretation: What is the purpose of the passage for them and for us?

➤ Interpretation: What was the 'law' at this time? Why are the Jews upset?

➤ Interpretation: We see here the entire city in an uproar. What might that have looked like? How did everyone involved come to 'know' what Paul was being accused of and how does this compare into riots we might see today?

➤ Application: How do YOU respond when your identity as a believer is challenged and why?

➤ Application: Read together 1 Peter 3:15-16. Is this something that comes easily to you, or is it something you struggle with? How does this challenge you personally?

➤ Dig Deeper: Additional Scripture from the Sermon to study throughout the week.

1. [Isaiah 7:14](#)

2. [John 6:43-44](#)
3. [1 Thessalonians 5](#)
4. [1 Peter 3:15-16](#)

PREPARE: Read [Acts 21:37-40](#) & [Acts 22:1-22](#) together in preparation for next week. Use this time together to explore where we are going and how we can better understand the text.

➤ **What things stand out to you?**

➤ **Why was this important then?**

➤ **How can we apply it today?**

➤ **Group Prayer:** Split into groups of 3 and discuss some of the areas in your life you need prayer. Catch up after the holiday and any time you might have taken off. Use the time to share together and end in prayer with and for each other.

Personal Questions (for monthly breakouts):

- What life challenges are you facing this week?
- How are you responding to those challenges?
- How can we pray for your heart in those challenges?
- What sins are you holding onto right now?
- How can we help keep you accountable?
- How can we be praying for you personally this month?
- Share one way God has been working in your heart and life this past month!