

Can't Stop the Sovereignty!
Text: Acts 23:12-35
February 7, 2026

Big Idea:

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

God is working, so you must trust Him to...

Point 1: _____ to fulfill His _____ (vv. 12-22)

Question: Man's plans are no match for God's providence. Will you trust God's care for you?

Sermon Notes...

Trusting God's Sovereign Care (Acts 20:24)....

i) Stay _____ (v. 24)

ii) Stay _____ (v. 24)

iii) Stay _____ (v. 24)

Question #2

- a) **Rd vv. 12-22:** Discuss what is happening in this text; and where God's quiet, sovereign hand is protectively guiding what is happening.
- b) What is the good for which God was ultimately working all these things towards?
- c) Spend time thinking about trials the Lord has sovereignly allowed you to go through (or are going through!). Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the sovereign hand of the Lord through that trial in using it for your good and His glory. Spend time sharing those with your group and praise the Lord together!

Question #3

- a) **Rd Acts 20:24:** What are the three ways we see in this text, that instruct us on how we trust in God's sovereign care in our trials?
- b) Which of these ways is the most difficult for you? Why that one/those ones?
- c) Why is following God's way in this way impossible without His power through the gospel?
- d) Spend time in prayer with one another for that specific area; and for power from the Lord through the gospel to follow His way by faith in it.

God is working, so you must trust Him to...

Point 2: _____ to fulfill His _____ (vv. 23-35)

Question: No matter the trial, what God says will come to pass. Will you trust in His provision?

Sermon Notes...

Question #4

- a) **Rd vv. 23-35:** Rd through this text as a group and discuss all the ways that God sovereignly provides for Paul to get him to Caesarea.
- b) How should reading this testimony, strengthen your faith in the Lord's sovereign provision to fulfill His Word and accomplish His purpose even in the state of affairs in our world today?
- c) Why is it easy to miss/overlook God's provision for us in trial as He quietly works?
- d) What trial are you facing that you need to trust in God's sovereign provision for you? How is He providing for you already in it? Ask some of your group members to speak into that situation to help you identify the ways.
- e) Spend time in prayer for one another for that trial and God's gracious provision to you in it.

Question #5

How is the person and work of Jesus Christ (aka-The gospel) the greatest picture of God's sovereignty?

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying out of **Acts 23:12-35...**

- a) ADORATION: Lord, You are the sovereign God who _____ .
- b) CONFESSION: Lord, I repent of my unbelief in your _____ in my trial of _____ .
- c) THANKSGIVING: Lord, I thank you for your sovereign protection and provision in my life by _____ .
- d) SUPPLICATION: Lord, I cast _____ on You; and even if _____ happens, help me to trust in You.

Memory Verse:

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."-Romans 8:28