

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS ONLY

Spring 2024 - Witness Sermon Series - "In Everything, at All Time, God is at Work"

Monday, April 15 - Sunday, April 21 (Week 8)

In his sermon, Associate Minister Dave Levesque highlights three crucial aspects from the life of the apostle Paul—conflict, cleverness, and comfort—and relates them to contemporary Christian living. He delves into Paul's encounter with the Sanhedrin, emphasizing the philosophical differences between the Sadducees and Pharisees. Dave emphasizes Paul's wisdom in capitalizing on this division to divert attention from himself and the reason he is on trial and shifting the focus on the belief in resurrection and more specifically on the resurrection of Jesus. By aligning himself with the Pharisees, Paul effectively proclaims Jesus as the fulfillment of their hope. This demonstrates the importance of wisdom and cleverness in proclaiming the Gospel and ensuring Jesus remains at the core of our message. Furthermore, Dave discusses the comforting presence of Jesus in Paul's trials and relates it to the comfort available to all believers. He highlights Jesus' consolation, commendation, and the courage He instills in Paul. This encouragement reassures Paul of his purpose and reminds us that Jesus stands beside us, strengthening and guiding us through our hardships. This sermon offers critical insights for us today. It calls believers to gracefully manage conflict, exercise wisdom in spreading the Gospel, and find solace and strength in the assurance of Jesus' presence. By drawing from Paul's life, Dave provides inspiration and practical guidance to apply these lessons to our own lives.

QUESTION #1: Discuss the concept of being technically correct but still being wrong before God. Can you think of any examples from your own life where you may have been technically correct but still in the wrong?

QUESTION #2: Share about a time when you had to admit that you were wrong and apologize. How did it affect your relationship with the person you apologized to?

QUESTION #3: Consider the concept of being penitent rather than perfect. How can we maintain a humble and repentant attitude before God and others? Share ways in which you have experienced God's grace and forgiveness when confessing your sins.

QUESTION #4: How does the knowledge that Jesus consoles, commends, and gives courage impact the way we face trials and hardships in our lives? Can you share a personal experience where Jesus provided you comfort and courage?

QUESTION #5: How can we overcome limitations, discouragement, and fears in our lives by relying on the presence and promises of Jesus? Share strategies or experiences that have helped you find courage and strength in Christ.