Members' Handout - Acts 21:1-26

Series: Acts





1. Pay attention to the stops that Paul made in this passage and the people that he met along the way. Who are these people and how would you describe the relationships they share with Paul (v1-16)?

2. What are the two difficult decisions that Paul makes in v13 and v26? Why might they have been difficult or costly?

3. In Acts 20:22-23, the Spirit compels Paul to go to Jerusalem. Why then does the Spirit repeatedly reveal Paul's terrible fate in Jerusalem to the church in this passage?



4. Paul's obedience to Jesus was unconditional and costly. What are some areas of our lives where following Jesus might threaten our comfort? How have we responded?



5. During the gospel emphases series, we explored how the gospel and its riches fuel our responses. Consider Gal 2:20. How does knowing that Jesus "loves Him and has given His life for him" move Paul's heart and fuel his obedience?



6. Consider again our answers in Q4. How might the gospel and the riches that we've discussed in Paul's life set us free from the fear of suffering or inconvenience? What might obedience look like for us today?



7. Following Jesus will cost us, just as it has cost Jesus for receiving sinners as His own and giving up His life for them. Think about some people whom the Spirit might be prompting us to either demonstrate love to by giving up our own rights to ourselves. Then, in pairs, pray for one another and ask Jesus to help us love them as He has loved us, and show us the way to go about these things.

Alternatively, feel free to also share what struck you today and how the Spirit might be calling you to trust in Him and follow Him.