

Series: The Church in Chains

Sermon: Paul's Clear Conscience

Primary Text: Acts 21-26

Discussion guide:

- What is a conscience?
- Read 1 Timothy 1:5
 - What is a “good” conscience?
 - How does a “good” conscience fit between “pure heart” and “sincere faith”?
- Read 1 Timothy 4:2
 - What is a “seared” conscience?
- Read 1 Corinthians 8:7-10
 - What is a “weak” conscience?
 - What is a “defiled” conscience?
- Read Acts 23:1 & Acts 24:16
 - What is a “clear” conscience?
 - Why is this essential to be whole in Christ?
 - Why is this essential to be a credible witness for Christ?
 - How can we “take pains” to have a clear conscience?
- Read Acts 22:4, 26-27 and Acts 26:9-11 and Acts 23:1-11
 - How does Paul keep a clear conscience even with a past of severe persecution of Christians?
 - How does admitting his past and then pointing to Jesus help him with this (see 1 Corinthians 5:9-10)
- Read Acts 26:29-30
 - What does Paul mean by his response to Agrippa?
 - Is he being arrogant?
 - What does a clear conscience have to do with this?