



Small Group Study Questions

week 6

Acts 21:1-16 (NASB)

21 Now when we had parted from them and had set sail, we ran a straight course to Cos, and on the next day to Rhodes, and from there to Patara; 2 and having found a ship crossing over to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail. 3 When we came in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left, we kept sailing to Syria and landed at Tyre; for the ship was to unload its cargo there. 4 After looking up the disciples, we stayed there for seven days; and they kept telling Paul, through the Spirit, not to set foot in Jerusalem. 5 When our days there were ended, we left and started on our journey, while they all, with wives and children, escorted us until we were out of the city. After kneeling down on the beach and praying, we said farewell to one another. 6 Then we boarded the ship, and they returned home.

7 When we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais, and after greeting the brothers and sisters, we stayed with them for a day. 8 On the next day we left and came to Caesarea, and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. 9 Now this man had four virgin daughters who were prophetesses. 10 As we were staying there for some days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. 11 And he came to us and took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands, and said, "This is what the Holy Spirit says: 'In this way the Jews in Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and hand him over to the Gentiles.'" 12 When we had heard this, we as well as the local residents began begging him not to go up to Jerusalem. 13 Then Paul replied, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." 14 And since he would not be persuaded, we became quiet, remarking, "The will of the Lord be done!"

15 After these days we got ready and started on our way up to Jerusalem. 16 Some of the disciples from Caesarea also came with us, taking us to Mnason of Cyprus, a disciple of long standing with whom we were to stay.

DIGGING DEEPER

Think over your life. How have you determined what you should or shouldn't do? How have you determined where you are going to move to or live?

Read Acts 21:1-6

Do you remember what the Spirit was telling Paul? (Hint: Acts 20:22-23) What was the reason Paul kept heading to Jerusalem? (Hint: Acts 20:24)

In verse 4, why are the believers telling Paul not to go?

Which is right? Is Paul supposed to go? Or is he supposed to stay away?

Read Acts 21:7-12

Paul finds believers in every city that he goes to. Do you find it encouraging when you find other believers in your travels be it vacations or moves?

What do you remember about Philip? (See Acts 6:5; 8:4-40)

Is there any significance to Luke describing Philip's virgin daughters?

DIGGING DEEPER

Up to this point, Luke hasn't shared his feelings about Paul going to Jerusalem, but now he does (vs 12). Why would he now express concern over Paul going to Jerusalem?

Acts 21:13-16

Paul wouldn't be persuaded. Have you ever tried to be talked out of what you knew was the will of God? Tell us about it.

How can this small group spur you to do the will of God?

TAKING IT HOME

PRAYER REQUEST

