

# ARRESTED

ACTS 21-25

## ARRESTED, PART 1: WHAT ARE YOU WILLING TO BE ARRESTED FOR?

To be arrested is to be seized, to be stopped right in your tracks, to be bound up by someone or something stronger. There is something that should seize us, stop us in our tracks, and wrap us up. It's the cause of Christ that fuels our love, our service, and our quest for justice. Being arrested for self will always lead to failure.

**BIG IDEA: Being arrested by Jesus always leads to real freedom.**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would you complete this sentence: "The one thing I must accomplish in life at any cost is \_\_\_\_\_." Why is this so important to you?
2. How do you define success? How does our culture define success? How does God and the Bible define success?
3. With your Bible or Bible App, read Acts 20:22-24 -

*"And now I am bound by the Spirit to go to Jerusalem. I don't know what awaits me, except that the Holy Spirit tells me in city after city that jail and suffering lie ahead. But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God."*

*Acts 20:22-24 (NLT)*

4. Think about your answer to Question 1 in view of Acts 20:22-24. How does your answer relate to Paul's goal? IF it doesn't relate at all, why not?
5. Paul knew what God was calling him to do—this is what he focused on, not the results of his choices or what might happen to him. When it comes to your faith and the way you follow God, would you say that you are this focused? Or are you more results-oriented? Why do you think this is?
6. With your Bible or Bible App, read Acts 21:10-14 -

*Several days later a man named Agabus, who also had the gift of prophecy, arrived from Judea. He came over, took Paul's belt, and bound his own feet and hands with it. Then he said, "The Holy Spirit declares, 'So shall the owner of this belt be bound by the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem and turned over to the Gentiles.'" When we heard this, we and the local believers all begged Paul not to go on to Jerusalem. But he said, "Why all this weeping? You are breaking my heart! I am ready not only to be jailed at Jerusalem but even to die for the sake of the Lord Jesus." 14 When it was clear that we couldn't persuade him, we gave up and said, "The Lord's will be done."*

*Acts 21:10-14 (NLT)*

7. Would you say that you seek God's will above all else? What does your answer play out in your life?
8. During the message Carlo said, "Success = faithfulness to God." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
9. Are you striving for success in your faith, to be the greatest follower of God? What can you do to strive even harder for this? What do you think you'd be willing to be arrested for?

## WHAT WILL YOU DO?

What do you think God is asking you to do this week based upon the weekend message? In other words, what's your next step? As a small group, pray the Lord's Prayer found in Matthew 6:9-13. Commit to praying it each day this week (only if you mean it!), then discuss next time how God uses your obedience and sacrifice.

