

Connect Group Guide: “Through Christ Alone | Acts: Part 28”



Passage: Acts 21:17-40

Sermon Link: <https://youtu.be/uxRVktPtMQM>


Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

- What is the difference between being a good person vs a godly person?
- Have you ever had to take a stand for your faith in the face of adversity?

Worship:

(You may choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)

-  In Christ Alone (My Hope Is Found) - Adrienne Liesching | LYRIC VIDEO

Word:

(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)

Before reading the scripture:

- Do you think church/religious traditions can be helpful? Why/why not?

Read: Acts 21:17-40

- “Many thousands of Jews have believed... and are zealous for the law.”
 - Why do you think it was a bad thing for the Jews to place their faith in Jesus but *also* be zealous for the law?
- “Doing good things does not make you right with God.” What do you think about this statement?
- Why do you think the Jews spread lies regarding the teachings of Paul?
- Paul taught that merely belonging to a certain ethnicity or people group is not enough for salvation. Why were some of the Jews offended by this teaching?
- Obeying the law does not qualify you or anyone for salvation. Discuss this statement.
- Do you think the Jews were approving of this gospel message being preached to the gentiles? Why?
- Why do you think Paul asked to face the mob and speak to them instead of retreating to a safe space as the guard offered?
- Paul became all things for all men when sharing the gospel. How does this encourage/challenge how you view sharing the gospel?

Works:

(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)

- Are we willing to carry the gospel message of Jesus in the face of danger and persecution? How can we pray to the Holy Spirit for strength in this area?
- Paul knew he was made ‘for a time such as this’. Where might God be placing you ‘for a time such as this’?
- Do we rely on law/traditions OR on Christ alone for salvation? How can you solidify this truth in your own life?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

Pray that we may stand boldly in our faith as we seek to spread the good news of Jesus.

