

Life Together Group Questions
February 28, 2016
Acts 21:17-36

1. What was healthy about Paul sharing about what God was doing in the Gentiles? (vss. 17-19) Do you find yourself rejoicing in what God is doing in others or feeling a sense of jealous competition? If the later how do we change our perspective?
2. What was healthy about James & Co. sharing about what was going on with the church in Jerusalem? (vs. 20) What would be your response if you were Paul to what follows from the end of vs. 20 -25?
3. In what ways was Paul not going to accommodate the zealous Jews? (see vs. 25; Acts 15:18-11; Rom. 8:1-4; Gal. 2:15-16; 10-14)
4. In what way was Paul willing to accommodate and why? (vs. 26; Acts 16:3; 18:18-19; Rom.14:2-6, 22-23; 1 Cor. 9:19-21)
5. Where were the Jerusalem Christians at in their understanding of keeping the Mosaic Law? What was healthy about this? What might not have been healthy about this understanding?
6. Do you think Paul did the right thing? What example does Paul set in what he does? (Rom. 13:1-2; Eph. 5:21; Heb. 13:17) Even if the Jerusalem leadership was a bit off kilter, what did God do?
7. How did Agabus' prophecy (vs. 11) line up with what happened to Paul in vss. 27-36?
8. How is this riot like the one that took place in Ephesus? (see 19:32)
9. Has there ever been a time in your Christian walk where something negative is really used by God to advance His kingdom?
10. Read Matthew 16:18; Acts 1:8; 9:15-16. What evidence do you see of God's sovereignty in leading and building His church?
11. How does that impact your faith personally?
12. How does this passage help you take another step in Pursuing Jesus?
13. How does this passage help equip you to serve Christ and His body?
14. How does this passage help you share Christ with others that need to know Him?
15. What is a question that was not asked about this passage that you would like to ask?

SERMON OUTLINE:

- A Rejoicing Response (vvs.17-20)
- A Reconciliatory Request (vvs.21-26)
- A Riotous Recognition (vvs.27-31)
- A Rescuing Arrest (vvs.32-36)