

Bible Summary- Acts 21-23

When life goes off the rails

Paul has a mission to go to Jerusalem and share Jesus. He is warned by the Holy Spirit and every group of Jesus people about the danger in this decision, but he refuses to alter course. In Jerusalem, he attempts to be a peacemaker but it backfires and three different riots break out and Paul is abandoned by the church and bound in prison. Paul must have thought he had blown it and made a major mistake with his life. The good news is, God responds by coming to him in a vision and giving him hope and promising to fulfill his heart's desire to go to Rome.

Scriptures: Acts 21-23; 1 Corinthians 9:21; Galatians 2:20-21, 3:2-5, 3:22-24; 2 Corinthians 3:6; Romans 10:4; Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 4:12, 13:5; Genesis 1:1-3

Bible Questions & Application

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. How did Sunday's teaching challenge your thinking?
2. Matt said, "Jesus has a way of extracting the precious even out of our mistakes." Can you share about a time when Jesus extracted the "precious" out of your mistake?
3. God keeps a record of our successes (1 Cor. 3) and not our failures.
 - a. Is this surprising to you, and does it challenge your view of God in any way?
 - b. What value comes from remembering that?
4. God spoke to Paul in his darkest hour and stood by him. Share a time when you have seen this in your life.
5. When Paul was going through hardship, it seems the church of Jerusalem was absent.
 - a. Why is it so easy to turn a blind eye to someone who is going through a hard time?
 - b. Can you think of anyone in your life who is going through hardship and might need the support of our community group?
6. It is important to consistently spend time in God's Word and seek His guidance.
 - a. Why is it often so hard for us to do?
 - b. What can we do to work through those challenges?
7. On your own, take a few minutes to identify the current challenges/chaos in your life then pray, "Lord, please speak order into my life."