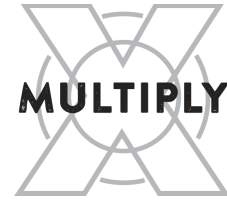


3. **HOSPITALITY** is an amazing way to live the mission of **Jesus**.



Ready to Die

Acts 21:1-26

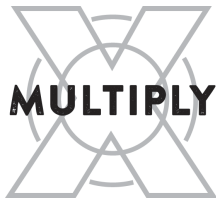
Sunday, October 15, 2017

Acts 21 represents a shift in the narrative of Acts. Paul's missionary journeys are over, but his journey from Jerusalem to Rome in chains is about to begin and the Gospel will continue to MULTIPLY. Acts 21 is a bit of a strange text, yet it contains 4 significant and relevant takeaways . . .

1. **God wants to use even the HARDEST EXPERIENCES of our lives to accomplish His GOSPEL PURPOSES.**

4. **Gospel UNITY trumps the exercise of my Gospel FREEDOM.**

2. **OBEDIENCE and FAITHFULNESS are seldom COMFORTABLE or SAFE.**



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Growth Group Week 3 of 9

Connecting Together (30 min)

Take time in this third week of Fall Growth Groups to connect with one another. This week, share one joy and one trial you're experiencing in life right now.

Grappling Together (30 min)

1. How did you come under God's Word in the text/message this week? What is one way you were personally challenged?
2. Read Acts 19:21, 20:22 & 21:3-4,10-14. What are all these passages about? Why is Paul so committed to going to Jerusalem despite the certain dangers that await him? Would you have gone?
3. Where do you see yourself valuing and/or choosing comfort/safety above faithfulness/obedience to Jesus and His mission? (We all do it!)

4. Read Acts 21:1-15. How many times was Paul blessed by the hospitality of God's people? The word "hospitality" literally means "love of strangers." What are some different ways hospitality can serve the mission of Jesus?

5. Read Acts 21:17-26. What is happening here? How does it strike you? How does Paul "flex" in his preferences/practices/liberties in order to preserve Gospel unity and care for his Jewish-Christian brothers and sisters? Where are places where we might have an opportunity to do this?

Praying Together (30 min)

Take time to pray together . . .

- Pray in light of this text: trusting God's purpose through trials, faithfulness over comfort, practicing hospitality, giving up your Gospel freedom for Gospel unity.
- Give thanks for your relationships together and the faith you share.
- Pray for those you are interacting with who don't know Jesus.
- Pray for personal needs/requests.