

# ACTS

## Bible Study

2018-2019



Lesson: 25  
Acts 21: 1-16

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Read this week's scripture and answer the questions below. As you read, consider how these verses fit into what you are seeing or experiencing today. Prepare to share with your small group anything that jumped out at you, confused you, encouraged you, challenged or convicted you.

Wednesday:

Before reading, pray for insight and understanding. Then take up all of this week's text. Verses 1-16. What stands out to you? What do we learn about the cost of discipleship as Paul makes his way to Jerusalem?

Thursday:

Read verse 1. Paul departs from the Elders of the Ephesians church, a group he had spent two critical years with. Certainly, this was a hard goodbye and yet Paul felt the call to move on. As the kingdom moves, we are called to move. How might God be calling you to move? Let these thoughts lead you to prayer today. Ask God to reveal His will.

Friday:

Take in verses 2-5. Paul presses on toward Jerusalem while the disciples at Tyre urge him not to go. Here is disagreement in the body, differing opinions, yet notice how this disagreement is concluded: with prayer. Is there a disagreement you've let linger? Begin with your own prayer. If possible, if necessary, meet to pray with the other party involved.

Saturday:

Spend time in verses 6-8. As Paul and his fellow disciples move about, notice the welcome and hospitality they encounter at every stop. This is certainly part of what it means to be a part of the body of Christ. Is there a brother or sister or family it's time to welcome with some hospitality? Pray on it, and then make the call.

Sunday:

Read verses 9-11. The prophesy of Agabus makes clear that Paul's mission to Jerusalem will be a costly one. Serving the Lord will bring conflict. How do you engage conflict? Is your goal to procure comfort or to serve Christ? Let these questions lead you to prayer today. Thank God for his faithfulness through conflict and ask for the courage to carry on.

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Monday:

Take time in verses 12-13. Paul's friends protest, but Paul perseveres, well aware of what it might cost him. Let Paul's words be a challenge to us. Are we willing to sacrifice our very lives for the name of Jesus? The power to answer yes to this question is not in ourselves, but in the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray for the Spirit's presence, peace and power to pick up your cross this day and everyday.

Tuesday:

Read and consider verses 14-16. Having debated, the disciples yield, saying: let the Lord's will be done. Is there an area where you have been debating? Is it time for you to seek the Lord's will rather than your own. Let these thoughts lead you to prayer this day.

Notes/Prayer Request

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