

Paul's Recipe for Spreading the Gospel

Acts 21.27-22.29

Focus: calling us to follow Paul's example of sacrificial love as he boldly and wisely shares his story of forgiveness in Christ with his enemies



Paul's Third Missionary Journey

Discussion:

- Read Acts 21.27-39. How would you summarize what Paul is modeling about suffering in this story? What have you learned about how Paul views suffering throughout Acts so far? How does that challenge or encourage you?
- What is your reaction to Paul's desire to share his story with his enemies? Who would fall into that category (enemy) for you? What perspective would help you have a love and compassion like Paul for them?
- Read Paul's account of his encounter with Christ on the road to Damascus in 21.40-22.16. What would your story and Paul's story have in common? Share what it means for you to have your sins washed away.
- Read 22.17-29 and discuss why Paul evaded this suffering, yet was willing to embrace other suffering at other times (see 2 Cor. 11.22-33 for another list of Paul's sufferings).
- As we consider Paul's story and it's rough structure: 1) what my life was like before Christ 2) how I met Christ 3) the difference it made, pair up and have people share their stories with each other. (make this a time of high octane encouragement for those who are new to this!)

2014-2015 Acts Focus

To advance our church in our knowledge and experience of the Spirit in such a way that we will increasingly embrace His ministry in and through us, especially in witness.

