On to Jerusalem - Acts 21:1-16

Topics: Advice, Believers, God's Will, Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, Prayer, Prophecy

Open It

About what do you tend to worry?

Do you tend to avoid conflict, resolve it as soon as possible, or go looking for it?

*When was a time you rejected the advice or counsel of virtually everyone who cared about you?

Explore It

How did Paul and his companions leave their friends at Miletus? (21:1)

Between Cos and Tyre, what stops did the party make? (21:1-3)

*At Tyre, what did the Christians advise Paul to do? (21:4)

What warning did Paul ignore? Why? (21:5-6)

*Why did Paul ignore the believers' warning? (21:5-6)

How was the departure scene at Tyre meaningful? (21:5-6)

What did the group do on their one-day stop in Ptolemais? (21:7)

Who was Paul's host in Caesarea? (21:8)

What role did Philip have in the early church? (21:8)

What gift did Philip's four daughters have? (21:9)

Who was Agabus? (21:10)

Where did Agabus come from? (21:10)

How did Agabus dramatize what would happen to Paul in Jerusalem? (21:11)

After the people heard the prophecy about Paul, how did they respond? (21:12)

*What did Paul say to the Christians at Caesarea? (21:13-14)

When they realized that Paul would not be dissuaded, what did the believers say to him? (21:14)

What did Paul and his companions do on the final stage of their journey? (21:15-16)

Get It

*How do you think Paul felt about going to Jerusalem?

*Why did Paul ignore all the warnings against going to Jerusalem?

When might doing God's will involve pain, suffering, or risk?

How can we build our courage when we are afraid to do what God wants?

What support does your church make available to Christians (perhaps missionaries) in dangerous or difficult settings?

If you had been one of Paul's traveling companions, how would you have advised him?

Apply It

How can you support a Christian brother or sister on the mission field?

*What decision do you stand by even though some others don't approve of your choice?

What fears or misgivings can you hand over to the Holy Spirit?