

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION

Acts 21:1-23:24

1. If you are one of Gods people, Do you think he is likely to rescue you when you come across dangers and trials in life?

Read Acts 21:1-16

2. What does the Holy Spirit think of Pauls plans to go to Jerusalem? (check also Acts 20:22-23)
3. What was the point of Pauls week long stay in Tyre?
4. In v14, how do the people know that this is ‘the will of the Lord’?

Read Acts 21:17-36

5. Are the Christians in Jerusalem happy to see Paul? What’s the good news?
6. What are James and the other Christians concerned about? What is their proposed solution? Is it surprising that Paul goes along with this plan?
7. When is it okay to do things to keep others happy? Particularly consider church/religious things that you might not consider important but friends or family desire from you?
8. Why do the Roman soldiers rescue Paul? What is the irony here?

Read Acts 21:37-22:29

9. What are the things that Paul emphasises in his testimony? Why does he focus so much on his background?
10. What is it that has particularly offended the Jews in v22?

Read Acts 22:30-23:24

11. In 23:11, what does Paul mean by ‘in good conscience’? Particularly consider how Pauls former life fits into this statement.
12. Why is it easier for a Pharisee to become a Christian than a Sadducee?
13. Why do you think everyone is so scared of Paul? Should people in Australia today be scared of the gospel message? Is it as challenging today as it was in Pauls day?
14. Why does God keep rescuing Paul? Does rescue mean an easy life for Paul?
15. What should we expect from God in terms of rescue?