

PERSONAL REFLECTION GUIDE

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- What main point from the sermon stood out to you? What did the Holy Spirit convict you of or encourage you with?
- Can you think of specific times of difficulty in your life when God has helped you be faithful to Him? When was the time, and how did He help you?
- The Spirit reveals to Tyrian believers that Paul will be arrested and suffer so they try to persuade him from going to Jerusalem. **Read Acts 21:12-16.** How does Paul feel about committing himself to go?
- **Read Acts 21:27-32.** Of what is Paul accused? How does the city respond?
- **Read Acts 22:1-22.** Verse 22 tells us that the crowd listened to Paul up until that point. Imagine you were a Jewish listener in the crowd, what might you be thinking by the end of verse 5? Verse 16? Verse 21?
- Are there areas in your life where you are under pressure, suffering, afraid, or facing hostility because you follow Christ? How could you continue steadfast in obedience? How could you use those circumstances to proclaim Christ?
- In what ways might the Gospel be offensive to our culture? How can you remain faithful to share even the hard parts with people around you?
- Paul shares his testimony by answering 3 questions: (1) Who was I before Christ found me? (my motivations, my sin) (2) How did Christ find me? (3) Who am I after Christ found me? (His grace, His calling) Our testimony is a powerful tool in sharing about Jesus. But importantly, our testimony is NOT the Gospel. The Gospel is the news of Jesus' death and resurrection for sinners. Take a few moments to share or write your testimony. If sharing in a group, keep it to less than 5 minutes.
- How does remembering your specific testimony kindle your love for Christ?
- Based on this passage or the sermon, what is one step of obedience the Holy Spirit is leading you towards this week. Who will you tell about this step, in order to help you?

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A few tips to get started: (1) Make this a phone-free conversation. You and your family put the phones away, except for the person who looks up the Scriptures. He/She would read the passage and then put his/her phone away. (2) Set the pace for how vulnerable to be. If you give a shallow answer, you are more likely to get a shallow answer from your kids. (3) Do not feel like you have to ask all of these questions. Just focus on having a good honest discussion.

Open with prayer, asking God to lead you to know more about Christ and live like Him.

- What stood out to you from the sermon this week as challenging or encouraging?
- Tell of a time when God helped you in a difficult point in your life. How did He help or encourage you?
- After being warned that he would be arrested and suffer in Jerusalem, Paul walked into the city anyway. What would you do if someone warned you that you would suffer if you shared Jesus with others?
- Like he was warned, Paul was arrested and accused of breaking the Jewish law and letting Gentiles into the temple. **Read Acts 22:1-22 aloud, changing readers at the paragraph breaks.** What from Paul's story is surprising or encouraging?
- Why do you think Paul started by sharing his background? How did it help him connect with them?
- The crowd got upset when Paul said he was sent to the Gentiles, those outside the Jewish faith. What does this tell you about God's love?
- Paul stayed calm and bold even when people were mad. What might help you stay calm and bold about Christ even when things are hard?
- Paul shares his testimony by answering 3 questions: (1) Who was I before Christ found me? (2) How did Christ find me? (3) Who am I after Christ found me? If you have made a decision to follow Jesus, take a few moments to share your testimony with each other.
- What is one thing you want to put in practice from these passages or the sermon?

Ask if there is some way you can pray for your family members, and then close in prayer.

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