

7. Are you disagreeing with other believers about the Spirit's will in some area? What should you do in such a situation?

# Sermon Notes

"Conflicting Counsel"

Acts 21:1-16

May 19, 2019

## Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

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Pray for Julie and for the new hosts (Dave and Ann Wilson) of Family Life Today as they all adjust and grow to meet new demands with radio programs and podcast episodes.

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of 05-19-19

Questions adapted from Phyllis J. Le Peau, Acts: Seeing God's Power in Action, A LifeGuide Bible Study, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 2002, pp. 65-66; James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 214-15; Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., Acts: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1987, pp. 176-178.

## Getting Started:

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

## Digging Deeper:

Read Acts 19:21; 20:22-25; 21:1-16. Romans 15:23-32.

2. According to the above texts, why was Paul going to Jerusalem (see also Acts 24:17)?
3. The Holy Spirit repeatedly warned Paul both internally and through prophets that danger waited in Jerusalem (20:22-25; 21:4, 10-13). With what attitude did Paul respond to these warnings (20:24, 21:13)?
4. When might doing God's will involve pain, suffering, or risk?
5. Why do you think the Holy Spirit warned Paul repeatedly of his destiny in Jerusalem? (For instance, did He want Paul not to go? Why do you think so or not?)
6. Paul and the other believers agreed that the Holy Spirit promised suffering if Paul went to Jerusalem, but they differed as to what the Spirit wanted Paul to do in light of the warning (20:22-25; 21:4, 10-13). Why do we often interpret the Spirit's guidance differently?