



Acts: The Birth of the Church in the World - Week 15: Live Sent: Acts 21: 17-22:21

Discussion Questions for October 18th, 2026

1. (IceBreaker) Which of these Fall chores is your least favorite? Raking leaves, closing the pool or lake area, picking up walnuts, or trimming back the landscaping?
2. How did God speak to you in the Sunday service?
3. If the church started in Jerusalem, and many of the early Christians were Jews before they knew Christ, why were the Jews in Jerusalem in Acts 21 so hostile to Paul? What do you learn about them from this chapter, or infer from other passages in the book of Acts?
4. **Main Idea: Christians Live Sent To Please Christ And Make Him Famous.** To encourage people to support local businesses and attractions, some municipalities use the phrase, "Be a tourist in your own hometown." In the same way, what would it look like for you to be a missionary in your own hometown?
5. **Point #1: Living Sent...For God's Glory.** Pastor and theologian John Piper has a well-known quote, "Missions exists because worship doesn't." Have you ever thought about evangelism this way? How might this be helpful in your motivation to share the good news?
6. **Point #2: Living Sent...For Unity in God's Church.** When James and the elders advised Paul, they tried to maintain peace in a volatile situation. Do you find it easy to maintain a peaceful demeanor when people are being unreasonable? Are you tempted to fire back with the truth as you see it?
7. If your group would like to dig deeper into the complexity of maintaining the peace, consider these questions: When do you go along to get along, and when do you take a stand? Which factors in this story, if they were different, might have caused Paul to oppose the Jews openly? For a contrasting story, check out Galatians 2:11-14.

8. **Point #3: Living Sent...For Sharing God's Story.**How do you share your story with others you meet? What are the circumstances, and how do you bring it up? If you've never done it, could you take a baby step in that direction this week?
9. Pray that our brothers and sisters at First Church think of themselves as missionaries sent here for a purpose. May the Spirit guide us each day to share the love of Jesus through our words and deeds.