

# Saved by Grace

## Small group questions

*Gospel and Courage – Acts 21-23*

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1. Do you consider yourself a particularly courageous person? Why or why not?
2. What difference does knowing the truth make in potentially tricky situations? (Think about when you're trying to explain something to someone or trying to defend a truth. The clearer you are and the more convinced you are of the truth of a given circumstance, the more bold you become in speaking up... Agreed?)

### **GOSPEL COURAGE - Read Acts 21:10-16 & 21:21-36**

3. Why is Paul so set on going to Jerusalem? If the Spirit revealed this to him, why then are people discouraging him to go?
4. What could help us both discern and trust God's will in all circumstances? What difference does this make to both the bigger and smaller decisions in life?
5. What did Agabus predict? What is Paul's response to the pleas of the followers?
6. Why did Paul react in this way? What gave him this courage? Can we have the same courage as Paul demonstrated here? How?
7. Is there a particular situation or area in your life where it is hard to be a follower of Jesus? What elements and fruits of the gospel could encourage you?
8. What happened to Paul when he arrived in Jerusalem? What were the accusations made against him? Is there any truth to these? What was Paul's reaction?

### **GOSPEL TRUTH - Read Acts 22:1-21**

9. What do you think makes it possible for Paul to stand in front of the crowd that almost killed him again? What does he want to make clear to them from his telling of how Jesus appeared to him?
10. Why is it important to know that the physical resurrection of Jesus really happened? What difference does it make to how we relate to God now and to our eternity?
11. How can knowing the truth of the resurrection give us the courage to proclaim it? How can knowing that Jesus is with us give us the courage to proclaim him?
12. How did the crowd and the Sanhedrin (cf.23:10) react to Paul's proclamation of the resurrection?
13. Why can't the commander find any reason to charge Paul? What does this tell us about how Paul went about his ministry?

**Apply** *What could help you grow in both the understanding and appreciation of the Gospel?*

*Pray Gracious God, thank you for the privilege of knowing the truth of the Gospel. We pray that you would help us grow more in our understanding and appreciation of it, that we may have the courage to share Jesus for life. Amen.*