Acts 21:27-22:29

Paul is Arrested - Part I

Discussion Guide

You can identify the areas of the temple being described by Luke in this passage on the map image provided. Why is it important to be able to do this?

How does this change any perception you have of this passage? Does it help you get a sense of distance and time?

By looking at the map, does it help you recall any of the stories from the gospels and the times when Jesus visited this Temple? Can you cite some examples?

Do you think the Jews have actually killed Paul if the Roman soldiers had not intervened? Why or why not?

What do you perceive to be the most dangerous of the three accusations the mob brought against Paul? Just from what we've studied so far, how would you build a defense as Paul's lawyer? How would you prove these claims false?

Why did Lysias think Paul was an Egyptian terrorist? How did Paul convince him to let him speak to the Jews? What do you learn from this part of the story?

In Paul's "testimony" he begins by addressing them as "brothers and fathers." Why is this significant? What do you learn from Paul's actions here?

When Paul models for us the telling of his story he uses the BJ-MJ-AJ model. Now that you know what this stands for, have you done this with your own story about Jesus? What would be the most significant thing you might share in the AJ part of your story?

The Jews were at least listening, right up to the point where Paul talked about the Gentiles. Why did this set them off? What were they willing to do to stop Paul?

When we talked about principles we could learn from Paul's actions, how have you applied these principles to your own life today? Are these principles easy to apply?