

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Ac 21:37 – 22:22

It Was Going So Well

Background

Read Ac 21:27-36. Write a brief summary of this passage.

Digging In

1. **Read Ac 21: 37-40.** Why was the commander surprised? Who did he think Paul was?
2. **Read Ac 22:1-5.** What did Paul say about his birth and upbringing that would build a bridge with his Jewish listeners?
3. How did he show that he had been very zealous for the law? Why was Paul going to Damascus?
4. **Read vss. 6-11.** What happened to Paul on the way?
5. What did Jesus mean when he said, *Why do you persecute me?*
6. What did Jesus tell Paul to do?
7. **Read vss. 12-16.** How did Paul describe Ananias?
8. How would the reputation and words of Ananias give credibility to Paul's message and ministry?
9. **Read vss. 17-21.** What did the Lord reveal to Paul in the temple?
10. What did he tell him to do?
11. **Read v. 22.** How did the crowd respond when they heard what the Lord commanded Paul to do? Why?



Getting Personal

- Paul had outstanding religious credentials, but they couldn't save him. What are some things in which people trust today to make themselves righteous in God's eyes?
- Are you trusting in Christ and Christ alone to make you clean in God's eyes?
- What examples of courage can you identify in this passage?
- How can we follow Paul's example of responding to critics of Christianity with grace, humility and respect? (cf. 1 Pet 3:15-16)