

## Sermon Discussion Questions for October 11, 2015

### Acts 21:1-17

### Supernatural Conviction

1. Why did Paul want to return to Jerusalem?
2. What did Paul anticipate would happen to him if he returned to Jerusalem? (see *Acts 20:22-23*)
3. What was Paul told about his future when he was converted to Christ (see *Acts 9:16*)?
4. What did the preacher mean when he spoke of our “decision-making process”?  
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How is our commitment to SELF (interest, protection, indulgence, exaltation, reproach) a barrier to sacrificial obedience?

5. What did Jesus teach about suffering for His sake? (*Matt. 5:10-11; Luke 9:23-26*)
6. How did Paul describe his own sufferings in *II Cor. 11:24-28*?
7. Do you, as a Christian, have a “personal theology of suffering”? If so, what is it? If not, why not?
8. How did Agabus warn Paul about what would happen to him if he went to Jerusalem?
9. What was Paul’s response, and why?
10. Under similar circumstances, what would your response be and why?
11. Do you agree with the statement: “The call of the gospel is to suffer for the sake of Christ and others”? (see *I John 3:16-18; Phil. 1:29; I Peter 3:13-17; Rev. 2:10*)
12. What is your *Jerusalem* as a Christian? What is our *Jerusalem* as a congregation?
13. How does repenting and believing the gospel empower us to travel to our *Jerusalem* in spite of the cost? (*Luke 9:51*)