

Acts 21

Observation Questions, "What does the passage say?"

Acts 21:1-40

1. Make observations from this passage using the 5 questions: Who, what why, where, when, how???
2. Where did Paul go in this passage?
3. What was he warned about?
4. What happened at Philip's house?
5. What does Paul tell them about what he is willing to do in verse 13?
6. What does Paul do in Jerusalem? What happens to him in Jerusalem?
7. What do they accuse Paul of doing?
8. What do the Romans do? What request does Paul make?

Interpretation: What does this passage mean?

Acts 21:1-38

1. Paul has two prophetic experiences in this passage that he seems to disregard, what do you make of that?
2. What does the Bible teach about prophecy? Look up 1 Corinthians 14:3 for a definition of prophecy.
3. In this passage the tension between the Law and gospel is highlighted. What part does the law play in Christianity? How do you explain the role of the law in the life of the believer? Read Romans 3-4 and Galatians 3.
4. Is there tension between James and the elders in Jerusalem?
5. The Jews accuse Paul of bringing Trophimus the Ephesian into the temple. Why was this a problem? Do you think Paul had this in mind when he wrote Ephesians 2:11-22 (esp. v. 14)?
6. Why do you think Paul asks for an audience in verse 39?

Application: What does the passage mean to me?

Acts 21:1-38

1. Could you say what Paul said in verse 13?
2. How does God speak to you? Would you ever challenge a prophecy?
3. Do you have a testimony that you could pull out impromptu, like Paul did on the steps?
4. How has this passage challenged, encouraged, confronted you? Bring an application to share.