

Week 28:  
Acts 21:37-22:22

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## Persecution for the Gospel

### TODAY'S VERSES:

#### Acts 21:37-22:22

Acts 22:22  
1 Corinthians 1:23  
Luke 15:31-32  
Romans 10:1-4  
Romans 10:21  
Isaiah 65:2  
Romans 11:13-14

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## Week 28: Acts 21:37-22:29 Persecution for the Gospel

### BIG IDEA:

Much like the parable of the prodigal son, the Jewish community paralleled the older brother, while Paul paralleled the younger brother (who left and returned). What we find in today's passage is the Jews persecuting Paul because of his proclamation of God's good news in Christ to the Gentiles. The shared promises, patriarchs, covenants and Messiah were meant for all people.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Why was Paul's historical background important for him to share at this time?

Why is your story important to share with others?

Have you seen God change someone from being hostile towards the Gospel into an advocate for the Gospel?

How can we love and pray for those who are 'against' us today?

Paul was telling the Gentiles that God loved them while teaching the Jews to accept Gentiles into fellowship. How can we apply this type of inclusion into our conversations today?

#### Read Luke 15:11-32.

How did the older brother miss the father's calling?

How did the Jewish nation reflect the older brother?

How do we reflect the older brother today?

What did they/are we missing out on by not extending God's grace to others?

#### Read Romans 11:12-14.

What lessons can we learn from how Paul leveraged his ministry in hopes that more people would come to put their trust in Jesus?

Do you have any examples of how God has used other's faith/walk with Jesus to provoked you to walk with God more seriously?

Are there any ways you strategize your daily life so others see and become provoked toward the Gospel?