

Argyle LifeGroup Study Guide, Acts, part 45, 06-26-2022

1. Read Acts 21:27-22:29

2. How should a Christian respond when the world around us seems to be out of control?

A Christian is a follower of Jesus. So how would Jesus respond?

I'm not called to have all the answers. I'm not called to always be right.

But I am definitely called to _____. Read Mark 12:30-31

We are to love the unborn.

We are to love those who have had an abortion.

We are to love those with whom I passionately disagree.

Make sure that everyone you come in contact with knows that you are called to love.

Then everything else will fall into place. Are you willing to trust Jesus? Discuss.

3. Read Acts 21:20. There were Jewish believers who remained devoted to certain parts of the Jewish law. They wanted to keep celebrating the special days. They wanted to keep observing their religious stuff. Even though Jesus had come and fulfilled all of the law.

But nowhere in the New Testament are Jewish believers told not to observe the law. Paul believed he should accommodate the weaker Christians. He was willing to compromise to allow them time to _____ in their faith. Read Romans 14:1. Do you think it's ok to argue over opinions?

4. Read Acts 21:21. Their accusations were completely false. Paul never taught that Jewish Christians must abandon their Jewish heritage. Paul was constantly being misunderstood and even lied about. How many friendships have been lost over something said, that was not said? Misunderstandings. Rumors. Gossip. The accusations were false.

Paul's enemies were out to destroy his credibility. Again, our proper response is love.

What are some ways you can respond?

5. From this point on, in the book of Acts, Paul will be a prisoner.

You might think that Paul's ministry is over. He can no longer travel as he pleased and do his mission work. Paul is now a representative for Jesus in chains.

All of his bad circumstances worked out for good. He was able to share his "Jesus Story".

6. Paul's testimony included three things:

1. Who I was

2. How I met Jesus

3. How my life has been changed by Jesus.

Notice that it's our "Jesus Story". It's not just our story.

A question to ask: Does this story bring glory to Jesus, or does it bring glory to me?

Write out your Jesus Story using these three points.