



Sermon Discussion Guide

06.25.23 Message | Tyler Myers | Acts 21:1-6

Key Scriptures:

And when we had parted from them and set sail, we came by a straight course to Cos, and the next day to Rhodes, and from there to Patara. And having found a ship crossing to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail. When we had come in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left we sailed to Syria and landed at Tyre, for there the ship was to unload its cargo. And having sought out the disciples, we stayed there for seven days. And through the Spirit they were telling Paul not to go on to Jerusalem. When our days there were ended, we departed and went on our journey, and they all, with wives and children, accompanied us until we were outside the city. And kneeling down on the beach, we prayed and said farewell to one another. Then we went on board the ship, and they returned home.

- Acts 21:1-6

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

- Acts 2:42-47

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

- Acts 4:32-37

Message Highlights:

- The church has a chance to be a witness to others amidst our disagreements.
- While Christians won't always agree, we're called to maintain unity while supporting one another through submitting to Jesus and the Spirit.

**Conversation Starter:**

Have you ever bonded with someone over having the same favorite team or food? How did your shared interest create a powerful connection between the two of you?

Discuss the Message:

1. How did the early church resolve their disagreement regarding the Holy Spirit's guidance in Acts 21:6?
 - a. How do you typically handle conflict?
 - b. Can you recall a disagreement you've had with someone recently?
 - c. How did you go about resolving your disagreement?
 - d. What can you glean from the early believers' example of godly disagreement in Acts 21:1-6?
2. Where do you see the Spirit at work in Acts 2 & 4 as well as Acts 21?
 - a. What keeps the people together in all three passages, regardless of their circumstances?
 - b. How can you intentionally remember your past experiences while believing that there's beauty and further lessons to learn in your current season?
 - c. What steps can you take to be open to the new work the Spirit is doing in you?
3. How do the people live in Acts 4:32-37 as a result of the grace of Jesus?
 - a. How does grace empower us to live generously and pursue unity as the church?
 - b. In light of the grace God has shown us, how can you challenge yourself to assist an individual or community in need this week?

Pray:

Jesus, thanks for being the ultimate example of what it means to radically love one another. We aim to reflect your compassion and selflessness to one another whether we find ourselves in agreement or disagreement. May the ways we go about trials and difficulties be distinct from the rest of the world. As we continually submit to you and to the Spirit, help us continue to become witnesses of the Gospel in all we say and do. In your name, amen.