

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE

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1. In a day when multiculturalism promotes the respect of all culture, practices, and religion, God's people face the temptation not to "impose our cultural norms upon others." Yet the Good News of Salvation by grace through faith in Jesus is God's gift to all people. How can we appropriately bring others the Good News of Jesus to those in other culture groups than our own?
2. Both early Christian and believers today face a spiritual battle against the forces of evil that do not want the Gospel to take hold in people's hearts and lives. Describe Paul's manner in dealing with Elymas, the sorcerer (Acts 13:6-12)
3. Before James addressed the assembly regarding the issue of Gentiles coming to faith, from what source did he receive council and guidance in the judgment he formed? See Acts 15:12-19.
4. Describe Paul's vision of the man from Macedonia (Acts 16:9). How would Paul and his companion help those in Europe?
5. Review Acts 19:13-40. Compare the spiritual perspectives common in the first century Roman world with those of today. Contrast Christianity with spirituality.
6. See Acts 22:1-4. In what ways did Paul change following his conversion? In what ways did he remain the same?
7. Paul's discourse to governor Felix on righteous self-control, and the coming judgment evoked an interesting response? "That's enough for now! You may leave. When i find it convenient, I will send for you" (Acts 24:25). Why might governor Felix have desired to be heard no more at this point?

8. While sailing as a prisoner to be tried in Rome, Paul and his companions fell at the mercy of a terrible storm. Acts 27:20 describes, "When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved." Explain this experience as a metaphor of human life.

9. In what way are followers of Jesus "mutually encouraged by each other's faith?" (Romans 1:12)

10. God's Word clearly teaches salvation by grace through faith in Jesus. Explain then Paul's words recorded in Romans 2:5-11.

11. According to Romans 3:21-26, how did God demonstrate His justice?