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Study Questions
The Unstoppable Church
Ready to Die for Jesus
Acts 21:1-16
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Opening Discussion

1. What does it mean to have a high and holy calling?
2. What does it mean to walk worthy of your calling?
3. What do you believe is your ultimate purpose in life?
4. Is your purpose or calling in life worth dying for?

Is it then worth living for?

Bible Study

1. Read Ephesians 4:1. Does every believer have a calling?

How are we to “walk?”
2. Read Acts 21:1-16. What is it that clearly defines Paul’s life? (See also Acts 20:22-24.)
3. Both the believers in Tyre and Caesarea get a glimpse of what awaits Paul in Jerusalem (Acts 20:23). Their natural conclusion is if suffering awaits Paul in Jerusalem then he should avoid Jerusalem. What is the difference between their perspective and Paul’s concerning his calling and the purpose of his life?
4. Read Hebrews 11:33-38. Does God promise a life free from suffering if we trust Him by faith and fulfill our calling?

Could His calling on our lives sometimes include suffering?
5. Like Jesus, Paul’s driving passion in life was to fulfill the will of God for his life (see verse 14), in other words, to fulfill his calling regardless of the cost. How does living as a called person change the way we live our lives?
6. Every three minutes, somewhere in the world, a Christian is martyred for his or her faith. Most of us will not be asked to die for our faith. However, all of us are called to fulfill our calling regardless of the cost. Specifically, what might living as a called person cost you?

Application

1. Are you living as a called person?

If something is not worth dying for, is it really worth living for? Why or why not?

2. What things might need to change in your life or lifestyle in order for you to be more faithful to your calling?
3. How can your group members support you in prayer as it relates to fulfilling your calling?

What would you like them to pray for on your behalf?