

ACTS 21:1-26 // AUGUST 25, 2019

HOOK: How do you go about making difficult decisions? How do your close friends play into that decisions?

BOOK: Read Acts 21:1-26. Have several readers be different characters.

LOOK:

- (1) Who are the main characters in the text?
- (2) What do Paul's friends say about going to Jerusalem?
- (3) What is Paul's response?
- (4) "Luke's attribution of direction to the Holy Spirit may give us pause. After all, it was 'in the Spirit' that Paul resolved to go to Jerusalem (Acts 19:21) and it is the Spirit who says that Paul will be bound in Jerusalem and handed over to the Gentiles (Acts 20:11). How, then, can it be that the disciples tell (Paul) 'through the Spirit' not to go to Jerusalem (Acts 21:4)? (J. B. Green)

TOOK: Is there a decision that you need the Holy Spirit's guidance? What steps will you take in following the Spirit's promptings?

