



REVOLUTION | THE REWARD IS GREATER | ACTS 21:1-26

Both following Jesus obediently and loving God's people deeply carry a price. That is because to love is to risk being hurt. Yet beneath every sacrifice lies a greater hope—one that reshapes how we understand loss, faithfulness, and reward.

## SERMON NOTES:

Main points, questions or things that stuck out to you.

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## FURTHER STUDY:

### Cross References, Resources, etc.

- Cost of Discipleship: Matthew 16:24–26; Romans 8:16-18; Philippians 3:7–10; 2 Timothy 3:12
- Loving People: Luke 14:27-33; John 15:12–13; Romans 12:9–10; 1 John 3:16–18; Proverbs 27:6, 27:17.

# SMALL GROUP NOTES

## GROUND RULES

What's said in a group stays in the group.

Encourage others and hold yourself accountable.

Where is it written in the Bible?

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- What does the fact that Paul's friends wept, pleaded and prayed for him reveal about the nature of genuine Christian friendship, and why might loving God's people require sacrifice or discomfort?

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- What does Paul's willingness to suffer for Jesus teach us about the reality of discipleship; specifically in regard to the relationship between obedience and suffering?

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- Read Philippians 3:8. What does this verse suggest about the reward of following Jesus, and how the reward compares to the cost?

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### WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

- Who is God calling you to love more sacrificially, even if it costs you time, energy, or comfort?

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- What area of your life is God asking you to surrender or obey, even if it feels risky or difficult?

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- How does keeping your eyes on the reward of Christ change the way you respond to the sacrifices God asks of you?

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Read Ahead: Acts 21:27—22:22