Lesson 17

- 1. What stood out to you from reading the Lesson 16 commentary notes?
- 2. How did the lecture on Lesson 17 help you?

Day 2: Read Acts 21:18-26, Numbers 6:1-21 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 3. A. How did the Jewish church leaders in Jerusalem react to Paul's mission report (verses 18-20)?
 - B. What about Paul's teaching created apprehension in the Jerusalem church leaders (verses 20-21)?
 - C. Using verses 22-26, how did Paul relieve the Jerusalem church leaders' doctrinal fears? (You can read about the common practice of the Nazarite vow in Numbers 6:1-21.)
- 4. What lesson can be learned from the manner in which Paul and his missionary brothers handled this church conflict?

5.	Have you ever been involved in a local church conflict? If so, how could the lesson you gave in Question 4 be applied?
•	: Read Acts 21:27-36 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV] List the main facts about how Paul was treated in the Jerusalem temple (verses 27-36).
7.	A. How might the way that Paul was treated be a warning for Christians today? Be specific.
	B. Why do you think God allowed Paul, whom He loved, to be treated this way?
8.	How will you apply verses 27-36 to your life?
•	Read Acts 21:37-22:21 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV] A. What misconception did the Roman soldiers have about Paul in Acts 21:37-40?

B. What quieted the crowd in Acts 22:1-2?

10.	Summarize using bullet points, Paul's testimony in Acts 22:3-21 of how he met Jesus.
11.	What most impacted you about Paul's testimony and how will you apply it?
•	: Read Acts 22:22-30 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]
12.	A. How did the crowd initially react to Paul's testimony, and what most agitated them in verses 22-23?
	B. Explain why the Roman soldiers did not have Paul flogged (verses 24-28).
	C. Give a summary of what happened to Paul in verses 29-30.
13.	Even though God is not mentioned in today's passage, how do you see God's protection of Paul?
14.	Describe a time in your life when God orchestrated circumstances for your protection. When something "randomly" works out good for you, how might you reflect on the goodness of God?

Day 6: Review Acts 21:18-22:30 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

15. What is your main take-away from today's text?

16. How will you apply that take-away?

Note: If you are interested in information on how to present your testimony (or how to become a believer in Christ), ask your discussion leader.