

**H**ow do you know who to believe when opposing accounts come from sources that are supposed to be “in the know?” How do you decide where to stand on issues when your Christian friends hold opposing views? Where do you go for answers to serious questions that affect your walk with God? Why are we so conflicted over who and what to believe?

The early church and the Apostle Paul faced a terrible crisis stemming from accusations, repeated so many times that “it must be true.” How did he know what to do next?

***Evidence***

***Counsel***

***Humility***

***Accusations***

***A preponderance of evidence***

## Personal Application and Group Interaction

1. What do you do with a juicy accusation that confirms your already biased notions?
2. How do you know what to believe about anything?
3. How do you know when God is at work in and through our ministry?
4. Who do you go to for counsel when you are struggling with accusations that lack evidence?
5. What would you have done if you were in Paul's shoes facing a mob of zealous Christian who were rehearsing repeated accusations about you that were totally wrong?



# How do you know?

**Acts 21:17-26**

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