

## “Difficulty and Injustice”

*A Personal or Small Group Experience*

This whole series from the Book of Acts has been about what life is like for those “Deployed” into this world in Jesus Name! Christ-followers do not get to decide whether or not they are deployed into this world in Jesus Name! They are ! We are! It comes with being a follower of Jesus! He is the one who said “*You are the light of the world—a city set on a hill cannot be hidden—so let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven!*”

Some of the challenges the “deployed” encounter are experiences of difficulty and injustice. There is an easily assumed lie that if we follow Jesus—difficulty and injustice will lessen in our life! What do you think about that? How do you feel about that statement?

In fact it seems that God might actually lead some of His “Deployed” into difficult and unjust circumstances because that is the context where such a powerful witness to the reality of Jesus can be made!  
Think and discuss that one for a second!

The following two scripture sections help us work through this reality of “suffering difficulty and even injustice” in life as a “deployed” child of God!

Read them and discuss:

- What “attitude” shifts are the texts calling you to make as one Deployed in Jesus name?
- What resources are God providing for the “difficult and unjust” realities we face?

Philippians 4:4—13

1 Peter 3:8-17, 4:12-19

## “ACTS : Part III”

*Deployed into Chains...thriving in His story!*

### “Connecting With God” Weekly Guide

This booklet is a resource to help you “Connect with God” this week. He deeply desires ongoing personal connection with you. You are that important to Him.

**This Page** has some scripture verses for you to meditate on each day this week. Notice the helpful hints section – these are great things to consider when personally engaging with God through His Word.

**The Center Pages contain** the notes and outline for the message given on Sunday. The message is also available as an audio download from [www.pointofgracechurch.org](http://www.pointofgracechurch.org)

**The Back Page** has a study written specifically for a small group of people (or an individual) to drill down deeper into a particular aspect of the week’s theme. Small groups can review memorable points of the week’s message and then work through the study concluding with a time of prayer.

### *Scripture & Meditation Guide - July 18-25*

#### Helpful Hints:

- 1) Find a quiet place along with 15-20 minutes!
- 2) Focus on God for a few moments asking His Spirit to speak to your heart and offloading your heart of stifling, burdens, guilt, worry etc.!
- 3) Listen to Him by reading a section of scripture then rereading it several times, dwelling on “words and phrases” which grab your heart’s attention. As you read and reread keep asking God, “What do You want me to hear?” “Why this word at this time?” “How are You inviting me to respond?” Keep talking it over with Him—chew!
- 4) Pray (and journal) everything that is on your heart and mind as you are ready!  
*Worship Him, Bless Him, Thank Him, Ask Him, Trust Him*

**Monday:** Acts 23:1-11

**Tuesday:** Philippians 4:4-9

**Wednesday:** Philippians 4:10-13

**Thursday:** James 5:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Peter 3:8-17

**Saturday:** 1 Peter 4:12-19