



To Each One

TO JERUSALEM discussion questions

1. Share about a time you struggled to understand God's direction and seemed to get conflicting messages. What was the resolution? Did you learn anything about God and his desires through that experience?
2. In discussing the guidance of God, we talked about receiving direction from the Holy Spirit, the church, and the Bible. When have you seen an imbalance in limiting God's guidance to one or two of those sources - whether in the church at large or in your own life personally? In what ways might you need to grow in opening yourself to one of those sources more fully?
3. How well do you gather input from godly people when making decisions? Give recent examples of both success and failure in this area. For example, when have you benefited from gathering counsel from a variety of sources? Or, when have you neglected to use the people resources available to you and made a decision more independently?
4. In this passage, we see just how much people can be enraged when their cultural identity is threatened. How have you seen this emphasis on cultural identity play out in the world? How has it played out in your own life? That is, when have you recognized, whether for good or for bad, that you have strong cultural preferences that tend to define much of your identity?
5. When we understand that cultural identity is very important to people, how does that affect our ministry? Give some specific examples of how you may need to accommodate for cultural preferences as you carry out your personal ministry?