

ACTS PART II



WITNESS

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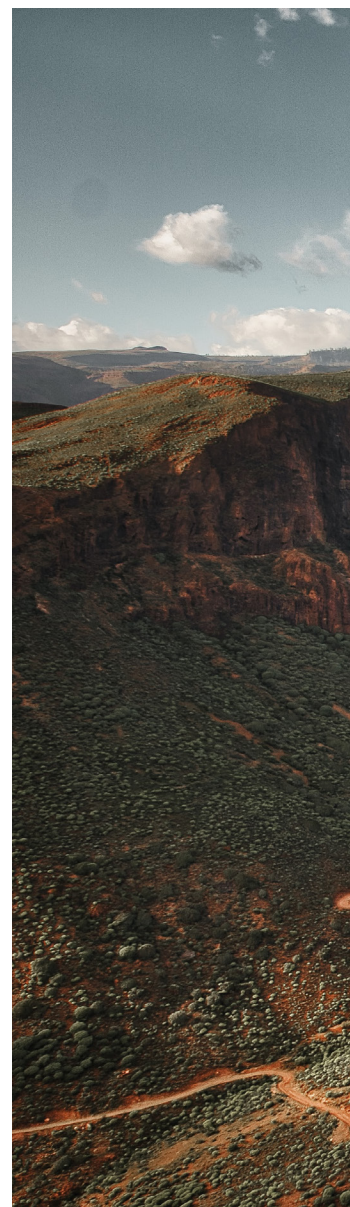
God's Word is flawless (Proverbs 30:5), it is from Him (2 Timothy 3:16), it is right (Psalm 33:4), it gives us hope (Psalm 119:49), and it builds us up (Acts 20:32). Just right there you have five terrific reasons to dive deeply into God's Word!

My great hope as you engage God's Word this semester in the stirring and powerful New Testament book of Acts is that His Word will grip your heart and that you will be built up by His Word of grace. Enjoy the inheritance received by being in His gracious Scriptures!

I am so grateful for Highland's love of the Word. I am so grateful for the labors of authorship, editing, and love that produced this Highland curriculum. And I am grateful that the Father has given His Son, His Spirit, and His Word to His people.

Joyfully yours,

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THE INDUCTIVE STUDY METHOD

A method of study that uses the Bible as its primary source and follows three steps:

1. Observation: answers the question, “What does the text say?”

- a. “*Interrogate the text*” as you read, by asking the five W’s and an H: Who, What, When, Where, Why and How?
- b. As you read a passage, look for or mark *key words and phrases*. A key word or phrase is one that is repeated throughout a passage; if it were removed, the meaning of the text would be lost. You can also mark references to time, geographic locations, contrasts & comparisons, and terms of conclusion.
- c. *Make a list*. List your observations of the key word(s) that you marked. At this stage you are not writing down what you think the text means, but simply recording what it says.

2. Interpretation: answers the question, “What does the text mean?”

- a. Consider the context: We interpret passages by looking at surrounding verses, chapters, and ultimately the whole counsel of God’s Word. Historical and cultural context is also key to determining the meaning of a passage.
- b. Cross-references: Scripture itself is best at interpreting Scripture. The Bible never contradicts itself. When a verse or passage interests you or is difficult to understand, looking up other passages can add to your understanding. You can find cross-references by looking in the margin of your study Bible or by using one of the study tools we recommend in the Appendix.
- c. Word studies: The Bible was written in Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic. Often the English language cannot capture the depth of meaning that was originally intended by the author. Looking up a word or phrase in the original language can shed light on the author’s intended meaning.

3. Application: answers the questions, “What does the passage reveal about God?” and “How does this passage apply to my life?”

This step involves having a heart that not only seeks to discern God's Word, but also to let it "discern" us. *"For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."*
(Hebrews 4:12)

THE STRUCTURE OF THIS STUDY

FOR DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

This section includes optional tools to use as you observe the primary text for the week, such as marking and listing key words and phrases. The colors and symbols are merely suggestions. If you choose to mark key words, feel free to use the colors and/or symbols of your choice.

HOMEWORK

Days 1-4 are dedicated to observation and interpretation. The more time you spend observing a passage, the easier it will be to interpret. At the end of each week's lesson (Weeks 2-11) you will find a print-out of the primary chapter(s) for the week.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

This is a second **optional** section with additional cross-references and words studies. We recommend using blueletterbible.org or biblestudytools.com.

DAY FIVE

Day 5 contains application questions for you to work through on your own after completing the homework. These questions will then be covered during your table discussion.

LESSON ONE MEMORIZATION

“Then he brought them out and said, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ And they said, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.’”

Acts 16:30-31

WITNESS LESSON ONE

LESSON ONE ACTS FIFTEEN & SIXTEEN

FOR DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

As you read Acts 15:36-16:40, mark references to the following:

God

Jesus

Holy Spirit

Paul

Witness(es)

Geographic Locations

Terms of Conclusion (i.e. therefore,
for this reason, so that)

References to Time (i.e. when,
finally, until)

DAY ONE

Observe

Read all of Acts 15:36-16:40, asking who, what, when, where, why, and how.

1. Using one or two sentences, summarize the main theme of the chapter.
2. Begin lists of observations about the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit from this chapter. Record your findings on the designated pages in the Appendix.
3. As you are able, memorize Acts 16:30-31.



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TO BE SAVED?' AND THEY SAID,
'BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS,
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ACTS 16:30-31

DAY TWO

Observe

Read Acts 15:36-16:5. As you read, use the map in the Appendix to trace Paul's Second Missionary Journey.

1. Acts 15:36 marks the beginning of Paul's second missionary journey. What was the purpose of this journey?
2. What disagreement arose between Paul and Barnabas and what was the result? (vv. 37-40)
3. Who did Paul meet in Lystra? (v. 1)
4. What do you learn about Timothy from verses 1-2?
5. Why did Paul have Timothy circumcised? (v. 3)

6. How did the churches respond after receiving the decrees from the apostles and elders in Jerusalem? (vv. 4-5)

Read Acts 16:6-15. As you read, use the map in the Appendix to trace Paul's Second Missionary Journey.

7. Why was Paul unable to go where he wanted to go? (vv. 6-7)

8. Why did Paul decide to go to Macedonia? (vv. 9-10)

9. What do you learn about the city of Philippi? (v. 12)

10. How is Lydia described? (v. 14)

Why did she pay attention to what Paul said?

11. Describe the fruit that is seen in Lydia as a result of hearing Paul's message. (v. 15)

DAY THREE

Observe

Read Acts 16:16-40. Remember Paul, Silas and Timothy are still in Philippi.

1. Why did Paul cast out the demon in the slave girl? (vv. 16-18)
2. How did her masters respond to her deliverance from the demon? (vv. 19-21)
3. What happened to Paul and Silas? Be specific. (vv. 22-24)
4. What were Paul and Silas doing in prison? (v. 25)
5. What happened in the prison where Paul and Silas were being kept? Be specific. (vv. 26-30)

6. When the jailer asked what he must do to be saved, what was Paul's response to him? (v. 31)

7. How did the jailer care for Paul and Silas? (vv. 33-34)

8. Why did Paul refuse to be released from prison quietly? (vv. 35-39)

9. With whom did Paul and Silas meet, and where did they go, before they departed the city? (v. 40)

DAY FOUR

Interpret

1. Who was Timothy? Read the following verses and note what you learn about him.

1 Corinthians 4:17

2 Timothy 1:1-5

2 Timothy 3:14-15

In Acts 1:8, Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would come upon His disciples, and that they would receive power to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the end of the earth.

2. Look up the following cross-references and record what you learn about the Spirit.

Luke 4:1

John 15:26-27

John 16:13-14

3. Read Acts 16:6-10. Why do you think Paul responded 'immediately' to the call to go to Macedonia?

4. In Acts 16, Lydia and the jailer both responded to the message Paul spoke to them.

What was the message? Look up Romans 1:16 to help you with your answer.

In the space below, write out the gospel. Use 1 Corinthians 15:1-5 to help you with your answer.

5. Look up the following cross-references and record what you learn about the role of the Spirit in believing the gospel message.

John 16:7-11

Acts 16:14

1 John 5:6-12

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Read Acts 16:10. Looking at the pronouns used in this verse, who do you think joined Paul, Silas, and Timothy on their journey to Macedonia? Why do you think that?

Read Acts 16:35-39 and note Paul's response. Why did he respond this way? Read Acts 19:21, Acts 20:22-24, and Acts 23:11 to help you with your answer.

DAY FIVE

Apply

1. What have you learned or been reminded about God's character this week?
2. How have you seen these aspects of His character at work in your life?
3. Paul wanted to go to Asia and Bithynia but the Spirit prevented him from doing so and instead, led him to Macedonia (Acts 16:6-10). Describe a time when you found yourself doing something, even something good, and the Spirit led you to do something different.
4. Describe when God opened your heart to believe the gospel. Be prepared to share this at your table.
5. Think about the last time you attempted to share the gospel with someone. How did you see the Spirit at work in that conversation? Be prepared to share this at your table.

ACTS FIFTEEN

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PAUL AND BARNABAS SEPARATE

36 And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are.” 37 Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. 38 But Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. 39 And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus, 40 but Paul chose Silas and departed, having been commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord. 41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

ACTS SIXTEEN

TIMOTHY JOINS PAUL AND SILAS

Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. 2 He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. 3 Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. 4 As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. 5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

THE MACEDONIAN CALL

6 And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia,

having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. 7 And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. 8 So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

THE CONVERSION OF LYDIA

11 So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. 13 And on

the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. 14 One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. 15 And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

PAUL AND SILAS IN PRISON

16 As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. 17 She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." 18 And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

19 But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they

seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. 20 And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. 21 They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice." 22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. 23 And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. 24 Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

THE PHILIPPIAN JAILER CONVERTED

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, 26 and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. 27 When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul

cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." 29 And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. 34 Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

35 But when it was day, the magistrates sent the police, saying, "Let those men go." 36 And the jailer reported these words to Paul, saying, "The magistrates have sent to let you go. Therefore come out now and go in peace." 37 But Paul said to them, "They have beaten us publicly, uncondemned, men who are Roman citizens, and have thrown us into prison; and do they now throw us out secretly? No! Let them come themselves and take us out." 38 The police reported

these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Roman citizens. 39 So they came and apologized to them. And they took them out and asked them to leave the city. 40 So they went out of the prison and visited Lydia. And when they had seen the brothers, they encouraged them and departed.

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LESSON TWO MEMORIZATION

“The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.”

Acts 17:24-25

WITNESS LESSON TWO

LESSON TWO ACTS SEVENTEEN

FOR DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

As you read Acts 17, mark
references to the following:

God

Jesus

Holy Spirit

Paul

Repent

Reason

Word/ Scriptures

Believe(d)

Synagogue

Geographic Locations

Terms of Conclusion (i.e. therefore,
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References to Time (i.e. when,
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DAY ONE

Observe

Read all of Acts 17, asking who, what, when, where, why, and how.

1. Using one or two sentences, summarize the main theme of the chapter.
2. Add to your lists of observations about the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit from this chapter. You can record your findings on the designated pages in the Appendix.
3. As you are able, memorize Acts 17:24-25.



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ACTS 17:24-25

DAY TWO

Observe

Read Acts 17:1-9. As you read, use the map in the Appendix to trace Paul's Second Missionary Journey.

1. Where did Paul go after leaving Lydia's house in Philippi? (v. 1)
2. For three weeks Paul reasoned with the Jews from the Scriptures. What did he talk about? (vv. 2-3)
3. Describe the different responses to Paul's message. (vv. 4-9)

Read Acts 17:10-15. As you read, use the map in the Appendix to trace Paul's Second Missionary Journey.

4. Where did Paul and Silas go next and what did they do? (v. 10)

5. How did the Bereans respond to the gospel message? (vv. 11-15)

How is this different from the response of the Thessalonians?

6. Where did Paul go after Berea? (v. 15)

DAY THREE

Observe

Read Acts 17:16-34. As you read, use the map in the Appendix to trace Paul's Second Missionary Journey.

1. What did Paul observe in Athens and how did he respond? (v. 16)
2. With whom was Paul reasoning and where? (v. 17)
3. Why did the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers bring Paul to the Areopagus? (vv. 18-21)
4. How does Paul describe the Athenians? (v. 22)

Why did Paul describe them this way? (v. 23)

5. In the chart below, note what Paul says about the true God:

v. 24	
v. 25	
vv. 26-28	
v. 29	
vv. 30-31	

6. How did people respond to the message of the resurrection of the dead? (vv. 32-34)

DAY FOUR

Interpret

1. Look up the following words from Acts 17 in the original Greek and record their meaning in the spaces provided.

Reasoned (vv. 2, 17)

Explaining (v. 3)

Proving/ giving evidence (v. 3)

Proclaiming/ proclaimed (vv. 3, 13, 23)

2. Based on the above definitions, how would you describe Paul's approach to evangelism?

3. The Greek word translated “provoked” is *paroxyno* and means primarily, “to sharpen.” When it is used metaphorically, it signifies “to rouse to anger, to provoke.” Why was the spirit of Paul provoked while he was waiting at Athens? (v. 16)

4. Review what you noted on the chart in Day Three about the character of God. Look up the following cross-references and record what you learn further about God’s character.

Genesis 1:1

Deuteronomy 32:8

Psalms 50:6, 10-12

2 Peter 3:9

DAY FIVE

Apply

1. What have you learned or been reminded about God's character this week?
2. How have you seen these aspects of His character at work in your life?
3. How does your spirit respond to the idols of our culture and of your own heart? Describe a time when you were "provoked" by idol-worship.
4. What do you need to do to become more prepared to reason, prove, explain, and proclaim the gospel?

Give an example of someone you have seen share the gospel message effectively.



ACTS SEVENTEEN

PAUL AND SILAS IN THESSALONICA

Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. 2 And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3 explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, “This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ.” 4 And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. 5 But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. 6 And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason

and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, “These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, 7 and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus.” 8 And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. 9 And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

PAUL AND SILAS IN BEREIA

10 The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue.

11 Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. 12 Many of them therefore believed, with not a few

Greek women of high standing as well as men. 13 But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was proclaimed by Paul at Berea also, they came there too, agitating and stirring up the crowds. 14 Then the brothers immediately sent Paul off on his way to the sea, but Silas and Timothy remained there. 15 Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens, and after receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him as soon as possible, they departed.

PAUL IN ATHENS

16 Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. 17 So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. 18 Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. 19 And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? 20 For you bring

some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” 21 Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

PAUL ADDRESSES THE AREOPAGUS

22 So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. 23 For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. 26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27 that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of

us, 28 for

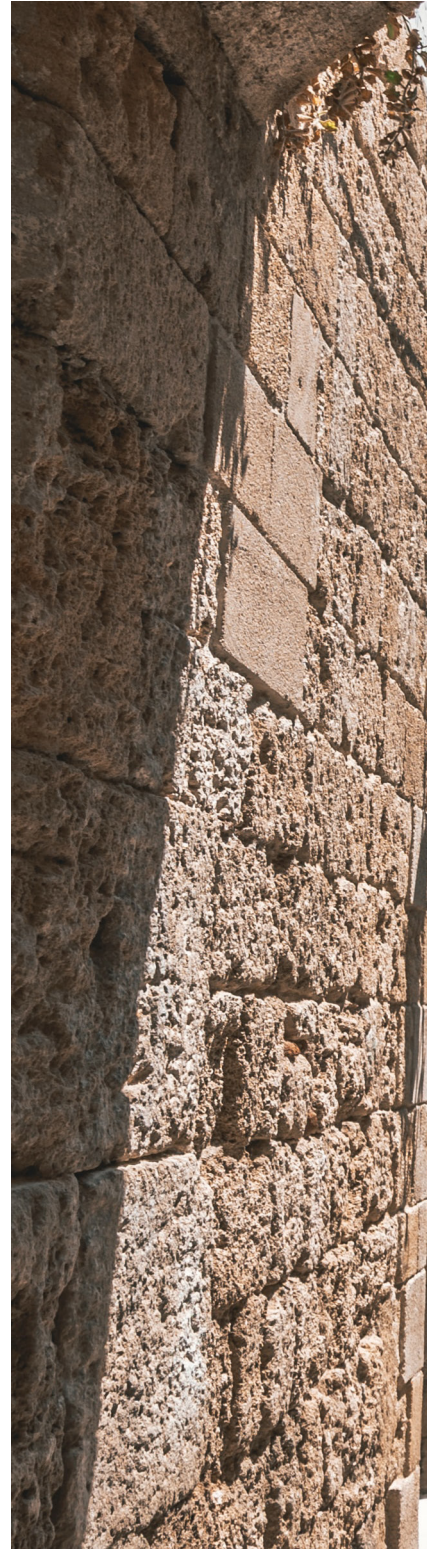
“‘In him we live and move and have our being’;

as even some of your own poets have said,

“‘For we are indeed his offspring.’

29 Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. 30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

32 Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.” 33 So Paul went out from their midst. 34 But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.





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LESSON THREE MEMORIZATION

“And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are My people.’”

Acts 18:9-10

WITNESS LESSON THREE

LESSON THREE ACTS EIGHTEEN

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DAY ONE

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1. Using one or two sentences, summarize the main theme of the chapter.
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3. As you are able, memorize Acts 18:9-10.



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ONE NIGHT IN A VISION, 'DO NOT
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AND DO NOT BE SILENT, FOR I AM
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ATTACK YOU TO HARM YOU, FOR
I HAVE MANY IN THIS CITY WHO
ARE MY PEOPLE.'"

ACTS 18:9-10

DAY TWO

Observe

Read Acts 18:1-22. As you read, use the map in the Appendix to trace Paul's Second Missionary Journey.

1. Where did Paul go after Athens? (v. 1)
2. Who did he stay with and why? (vv. 2-3)
3. Why did he go to the synagogue each Sabbath? (v. 4)
4. What was the response of the Jews to Paul's testimony that Jesus was the Christ? (vv. 5-6)
5. How did the example of Titius Justus and Crispus differ from the response of the Jews? (vv. 7-8)

6. What were the Lord's instructions to Paul? (vv. 9-10)

What was the result? (v. 11)

7. When the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal, of what did they accuse him? (vv. 12-13)

8. Summarize Gallio's response. (vv. 14-17)

9. Where did Paul go next and who went with him? (vv. 18-22)

DAY THREE

Observe

Read Acts 18:23-28. Here Paul begins his third missionary journey from Antioch. As you read, use the map in the Appendix to trace Paul's Third Missionary Journey.

1. Who was Apollos and what do you learn about him? (vv. 24-25)

How was his knowledge limited?

2. Who explained to him the way of God more accurately? (v. 26)

3. Who encouraged him to cross to Achaia and what did they do to prepare the way? (v. 27)

4. Who did he help when he arrived? (v. 27)

What help did he give? (v. 28)

DAY FOUR

Interpret

1. Look at the following passages and record what you learn about the ministry of Aquila and Priscilla.

Acts 18:2-3

Acts 18:18-19

Acts 18:26

Romans 16:3-4

1 Corinthians 16:19

2. Read Acts 18:6-10 again. The Jewish response to Paul testifying that Jesus was the Christ was one of disdain. Yet, God commanded him to continue speaking in the city. Look up the following passages and note what you learn about God's presence and power.

Deuteronomy 31:6-8

Isaiah 41:10,13

Matthew 28:19-20

2 Timothy 4:16-17

3. Read Acts 18:24-28 again. Though Apollos was bold and mighty in the Scriptures, he remained open to instruction from Priscilla and Aquila. Look up the following cross-references and record what you learn about having a teachable spirit.

Proverbs 9:9

Proverbs 21:11

1 Peter 5:5

2 Peter 3:18

DAY FIVE

Apply

1. What have you learned or been reminded about God's character this week?
2. How have you seen these aspects of His character at work in your life?
3. In what areas of your life do you need to be reminded that God will never leave you or forsake you?
4. Share a time when you received helpful instruction with humility.

ACTS EIGHTEEN

PAUL IN CORINTH

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. 2 And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, 3 and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. 4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.

5 When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. 6 And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.” 7 And he left there and went to the house of a man

named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. 8 Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized. 9 And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, 10 for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people.” 11 And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

12 But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal, 13 saying, “This man is persuading people to worship God contrary to the law.” 14 But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, “If it were a matter of

wrongdoing or vicious crime, O Jews, I would have reason to accept your complaint. 15 But since it is a matter of questions about words and names and your own law, see to it yourselves. I refuse to be a judge of these things.” 16 And he drove them from the tribunal. 17 And they all seized Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him in front of the tribunal. But Gallio paid no attention to any of this.

PAUL RETURNS TO ANTIOCH

18 After this, Paul stayed many days longer and then took leave of the brothers and set sail for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he had cut his hair, for he was under a vow. 19 And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there, but he himself went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. 20 When they asked him to stay for a longer period, he declined. 21 But on taking leave of them he said, “I will return to you if God wills,” and he set sail from Ephesus.

22 When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church, and then went down to Antioch. 23 After spending some time there, he departed and went from one place to the next through

the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

APOLLOS SPEAKS BOLDLY IN EPHESUS

24 Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures.

25 He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. 26 He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. 27 And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, 28 for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.

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LESSON FOUR MEMORIZATION

“So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.”

Acts 19:20

WITNESS LESSON FOUR

LESSON FOUR ACTS NINETEEN

FOR DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

As you read Acts 19, mark
references to the following:

God

Jesus

Holy Spirit

Paul

Reason

Word/ Scriptures

Believe(d)

Testify(ing)

Synagogue

The Way

Geographic Locations

Terms of Conclusion (i.e. therefore,
for this reason, so that)

References to Time (i.e. when,
finally, until)

DAY ONE

Observe

Read all of Acts 19, asking who, what, when, where, why, and how.

1. Using one or two sentences, summarize the main theme of the chapter.
2. Add to your lists of observations about the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit from this chapter. You can record your findings on the designated pages in the Appendix.
3. As you are able, memorize Acts 19:20.



SO THE WORD OF THE LORD
CONTINUED TO INCREASE AND
PREVAIL MIGHTILY.”

ACTS 19:20

DAY TWO

Observe

Read Acts 19:1-7. As you read, use the map in the Appendix to trace Paul's Third Missionary Journey.

1. Where did Paul go next? (v. 1)
2. What did you learn about the disciples that he met there? (vv. 2-3)
3. What did Paul teach them and what was the result? (vv. 4-7)

Read Acts 19:8-20.

4. Describe the miracles that God was performing at the hands of Paul. (vv. 11-12)

5. Who were the Jewish exorcists and what were they trying to do? (vv. 13-14)

6. How did the evil spirit respond to these exorcists? (vv. 15-17)

7. What were those who were now believers doing? What was the result? (vv. 18-20)

DAY THREE

Observe

Read Acts 19:21-42. As you read, use the map in the Appendix to trace Paul's Third Missionary Journey.

1. Where did Paul purpose to go from Ephesus? (v. 21)
2. Who was Demetrius? What was he upset about? (vv. 23-27)
3. How did the crowd respond to Demetrius' accusation? In the space below, summarize the events that take place in verses 28-34.
4. How did the town clerk quiet the crowd? What was his reasoning? (vv. 35-41)

DAY FOUR

Interpret

1. In verse 10 Luke writes that all who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord. In verse 20 we see that the word of God was growing mightily and prevailing. Look at the following verses from Acts 19 and record what you see the transforming power of God's word:

Acts 19:10-12

Acts 19:13-15

Acts 19:17

Acts 19:18-20

2. Look up the following cross-references and record what you learn about the transforming power of the gospel.

Romans 12:1-2

2 Corinthians 3:18

2 Corinthians 5:17

Galatians 2:20

3. Look up the following cross-references and record what Jesus says about following Him.

Matthew 10:38

Mark 8: 34-38

Luke 9:57-62

DAY FIVE

Apply

1. What have you learned or been reminded about God's character this week?
2. How have you seen these aspects of His character at work in your life?
3. We saw in Acts 19:18 that those who believed kept confessing their sinful practices. What is the Spirit calling you to confess or lay down? If you are comfortable, share with your table.

ACTS NINETEEN

PAUL IN EPHESUS

And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. 2 And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” 3 And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John’s baptism.” 4 And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.” 5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. 7 There were about twelve men in all.

8 And he entered the synagogue

and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. 9 But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus. 10 This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

SONS OF SCEVA

11 And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, 12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. 13 Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “I adjure you by

the Jesus whom Paul proclaims.”

14 Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. 15 But the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?” 16 And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. 17 And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. 18 Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. 19 And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. 20 So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

A RIOT AT EPHEBUS

21 Now after these events Paul resolved in the Spirit to pass through Macedonia and Achaia and go to Jerusalem, saying, “After I have been there, I must also see Rome.” 22 And having sent into Macedonia two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, he himself

stayed in Asia for a while.

23 About that time there arose no little disturbance concerning the Way. 24 For a man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought no little business to the craftsmen. 25 These he gathered together, with the workmen in similar trades, and said, “Men, you know that from this business we have our wealth. 26 And you see and hear that not only in Ephesus but in almost all of Asia this Paul has persuaded and turned away a great many people, saying that gods made with hands are not gods. 27 And there is danger not only that this trade of ours may come into disrepute but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis may be counted as nothing, and that she may even be deposed from her magnificence, she whom all Asia and the world worship.”

28 When they heard this they were enraged and were crying out, “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!” 29 So the city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed together into the theater, dragging with them Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who were Paul’s companions in travel.

30 But when Paul wished to go in among the crowd, the disciples would not let him. 31 And even some of the Asiarchs, who were friends of his, sent to him and were urging him not to venture into the theater. 32 Now some cried out one thing, some another, for the assembly was in confusion, and most of them did not know why they had come together. 33 Some of the crowd prompted Alexander, whom the Jews had put forward. And Alexander, motioning with his hand, wanted to make a defense to the crowd. 34 But when they recognized that he was a Jew, for about two hours they all cried out with one voice, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"

35 And when the town clerk had quieted the crowd, he said, "Men of Ephesus, who is there who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is temple keeper of the great Artemis, and of the sacred stone that fell from the sky? 36 Seeing then that these things cannot be denied, you ought to be quiet and do nothing rash. 37 For you have brought these men here who are neither sacrilegious nor blasphemers of our goddess. 38 If therefore Demetrius and the craftsmen with him have a complaint against anyone, the

courts are open, and there are proconsuls. Let them bring charges against one another. 39 But if you seek anything further, it shall be settled in the regular assembly. 40 For we really are in danger of being charged with rioting today, since there is no cause that we can give to justify this commotion." 41 And when he had said these things, he dismissed the assembly.



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LESSON FIVE MEMORIZATION

“For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole
counsel of God.”

Acts 20:27

WITNESS LESSON FIVE

LESSON FIVE ACTS TWENTY

FOR DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

As you read Acts 20, mark
references to the following:

God

Jesus

Holy Spirit

Paul

Witness(es)

Disciples

Testify(ing)

Repent(ance)

Geographic Locations

Terms of Conclusion (i.e. therefore,
for this reason, so that)

References to Time (i.e. when,
finally, until)

DAY ONE

Observe

For this week's study, you will focus on practicing the spiritual discipline of prayer.

Read all of Acts 20, asking who, what, when, where, why, and how.

1. Using one or two sentences, summarize the main theme of this chapter.
2. Add to your lists of observations about the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit from this chapter. You can record your findings on the designated pages in the Appendix.
3. As you are able, memorize Acts 20:27.



FOR I DID NOT SHRINK FROM
DECLARING TO YOU THE WHOLE
COUNSEL OF GOD.”
ACTS 20:27

DAY TWO

Read Acts 20:17-27 again.

Look in the appendix at “How to look up a cross-reference.” Find at least three passages that highlight a right attitude toward the Gospel message (i.e. Romans 1:16). Write down the references that you find and what you learn from them in the space below.

1.

2.

3.

As you are able, get on your knees before the Lord. In prayer, respond to what God has taught you today about your attitude toward the gospel.

DAY THREE

Read Acts 20:28-31 again.

Look in the appendix at “How to look up a cross-reference.” Find at least three passages that highlight the role of elders in protecting the flock (i.e. 1 Peter 5:1-2). Write down the references that you find and what you learn from them in the space below.

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3.

As you are able, get on your knees before the Lord. Pray for the elders of Highland Baptist Church. You can find the list of elders at hbcwaco.org/leadership.

DAY FOUR

Read Acts 20:32 again.

Look in the appendix at “How to look up a cross-reference.” Find at least three passages that highlight the way the Word of God’s grace builds us up (i.e. Ephesians 4:15-16). Write down the references that you find and what you learn from them in the space below.

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2.

3.

As you are able, get on your knees before the Lord. In prayer, respond to what God has taught you today through His Word.

DAY FIVE

Apply

1. What have you learned about God's character this week?
2. How have you seen these aspects of His character at work in your life?
3. How does your lifestyle reflect your attitude towards the gospel?
4. Based on what you have learned about the role of church elders, how can you encourage the elders at your church this week?
5. How have you been built up by the Word of God's grace this week?

ACTS TWENTY

PAUL IN MACEDONIA AND GREECE

After the uproar ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, and after encouraging them, he said farewell and departed for Macedonia.

2 When he had gone through those regions and had given them much encouragement, he came to Greece. 3 There he spent three months, and when a plot was made against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia. 4 Sopater the Berean, son of Pyrrhus, accompanied him; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and the Asians, Tychicus and Trophimus. 5 These went on ahead and were waiting for us at Troas, 6 but we sailed away from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days we came to them at Troas, where we stayed for seven days.

EUTYCHUS RAISED FROM THE DEAD

7 On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight. 8 There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered. 9 And a young man named Eutychus, sitting at the window, sank into a deep sleep as Paul talked still longer. And being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead. 10 But Paul went down and bent over him, and taking him in his arms, said, "Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him." 11 And when Paul had gone up and had broken bread and eaten, he conversed with them a long while, until daybreak, and so departed. 12 And they took the youth away alive, and were not a little comforted.

13 But going ahead to the ship, we set sail for Assos, intending to take Paul aboard there, for so he had arranged, intending himself to go by land. 14 And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and went to Mitylene. 15 And sailing from there we came the following day opposite Chios; the next day we touched at Samos; and the day after that we went to Miletus. 16 For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia, for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.

PAUL SPEAKS TO THE EPHESIAN ELDERS

17 Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. 18 And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, 19 serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; 20 how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, 21 testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of

repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

22 And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. 24 But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. 25 And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. 26 Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, 27 for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. 28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. 29 I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. 31 Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night

or day to admonish every one with tears. 32 And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. 33 I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. 34 You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. 35 In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

36 And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. 37 And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, 38 being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.





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LESSON SIX MEMORIZATION

“Then Paul answered, ‘What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.’”

Acts 21:13

WITNESS LESSON SIX

LESSON SIX ACTS TWENTY-ONE

FOR DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

As you read Acts 21:1-36, mark references to the following:

God

Holy Spirit

Believe(d)

Geographic Locations

Terms of Conclusion (i.e. therefore,
for this reason, so that)

References to Time (i.e. when,
finally, until)

DAY ONE

Observe

Read Acts 21:1-36, asking who, what, when, where, why, and how.

1. Using one or two sentences, summarize the main theme of the chapter.
2. Continue listing your observations about the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit from Acts 21:1-36. Record your findings on the designated pages in the Appendix.
3. As you are able, memorize Acts 21:13.



THEN PAUL ANSWERED, 'WHAT ARE YOU DOING, WEEPING AND BREAKING MY HEART? FOR I AM READY NOT ONLY TO BE IMPRISONED BUT EVEN TO DIE IN JERUSALEM FOR THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS.'

ACTS 21:13

DAY TWO

Observe

Read Acts 21:1-16. As you read, use the map in the Appendix to trace Paul's Third Missionary Journey.

1. From where and from whom are they leaving in verse 1? (look at 20:17)

2. How long did they stay in Tyre? (vv. 3-4)

3. What did the disciples tell Paul? (v. 4)

4. With whom did they stay in Caesarea? (v. 8)

What do you learn about him? (vv. 8-9)

5. Who was Agabus? (vv. 10-11)

What message does he give to Paul?

6. How did the people respond to Agabus' message? (v. 12)

7. What was Paul's response? (vv. 13-15)

DAY THREE

Observe

Read Acts 21:17-26.

1. Who did Paul and his companions meet with in Jerusalem? (vv. 17-18)
2. What did Paul relate to them? (v. 19)
3. How did they respond to Paul's report about what God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry? (v. 20)
4. What did James and the elders tell Paul about the Jewish believers? (vv. 20-21)
5. What do they advise Paul to do? (vv. 23-24)

6. What is the content of the letter that the elders sent to the Gentile believers? (v. 25)

7. What did Paul do next? (v. 26)

Read Acts 21:27-36.

8. Of what did the Jews from Asia accuse Paul? (vv. 27-29)

What was the result? (vv. 30-31)

9. A tribune was a commander of an army cohort. What did the tribune do when he received word of the chaos in Jerusalem? (vv. 32-33)

10. Why did he bring Paul into the barracks? (v. 34-36)

DAY FOUR

Interpret

Read Acts 21:1-36 again.

1. Remember that Luke wrote both the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts. Look up the following cross-references from the Gospel of Luke that describe the life and mindset of Jesus and record what you learn in the first column. Then record any parallels that you see in Paul’s life and mindset from Acts 21 in the second column. Be sure to include the verse references from Acts 21.

Jesus’s Life	Paul’s Life (Acts 21)
Luke 9:21	
Luke 9:51	
Luke 13:22, 33	
Luke 18:31-33	
Luke 22:41-44	

2. Read Matthew 10:16-39. Why should Paul's response to his circumstances not be surprising to believers?

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Who was Philip? Read the following cross-references and record what you learn about him.

Acts 6:1-6

Acts 8:5-40

Acts 21:8

DAY FIVE

Apply

1. What have you learned or been reminded about God's character this week?
2. How have you seen these aspects of His character at work in your life?
3. What in your life do you need to be willing to lay down for the name of the Lord Jesus?
4. How should knowing that it is God's will that believers suffer for the sake of the gospel affect the way you live your life today?



ACTS TWENTY-ONE

(1-36)

PAUL GOES TO JERUSALEM

And when we had parted from them and set sail, we came by a straight course to Cos, and the next day to Rhodes, and from there to Patara. 2 And having found a ship crossing to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail. 3 When we had come in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left we sailed to Syria and landed at Tyre, for there the ship was to unload its cargo. 4 And having sought out the disciples, we stayed there for seven days. And through the Spirit they were telling Paul not to go on to Jerusalem. 5 When our days there were ended, we departed and went on our journey, and they all, with wives and children, accompanied us until we were outside the city. And kneeling down on the beach, we prayed 6 and said farewell to one another. Then we went on board the ship, and they returned home.

7 When we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais, and we greeted the brothers and stayed with them for one day. 8 On the next day we departed and came to Caesarea, and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. 9 He had four unmarried daughters, who prophesied. 10 While we were staying for many days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. 11 And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'" 12 When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem. 13 Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in

Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.” 14 And since he would not be persuaded, we ceased and said, “Let the will of the Lord be done.”

15 After these days we got ready and went up to Jerusalem. 16 And some of the disciples from Caesarea went with us, bringing us to the house of Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we should lodge.

PAUL VISITS JAMES

17 When we had come to Jerusalem, the brothers received us gladly. 18 On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present. 19 After greeting them, he related one by one the things that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. 20 And when they heard it, they glorified God. And they said to him, “You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed. They are all zealous for the law, 21 and they have been told about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or walk according to our customs. 22 What then is to be done? They will certainly hear that you have come. 23 Do therefore what we tell you.

We have four men who are under a vow; 24 take these men and purify yourself along with them and pay their expenses, so that they may shave their heads. Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you, but that you yourself also live in observance of the law. 25 But as for the Gentiles who have believed, we have sent a letter with our judgment that they should abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality.” 26 Then Paul took the men, and the next day he purified himself along with them and went into the temple, giving notice when the days of purification would be fulfilled and the offering presented for each one of them.

PAUL ARRESTED IN THE TEMPLE

27 When the seven days were almost completed, the Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him, 28 crying out, “Men of Israel, help! This is the man who is teaching everyone everywhere against the people and the law and this place. Moreover, he even brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy

place.” 29 For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, and they supposed that Paul had brought him into the temple. 30 Then all the city was stirred up, and the people ran together. They seized Paul and dragged him out of the temple, and at once the gates were shut. 31 And as they were seeking to kill him, word came to the tribune of the cohort that all Jerusalem was in confusion. 32 He at once took soldiers and centurions and ran down to them. And when they saw the tribune and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul. 33 Then the tribune came up and arrested him and ordered him to be bound with two chains. He inquired who he was and what he had done. 34 Some in the crowd were shouting one thing, some another. And as he could not learn the facts because of the uproar, he ordered him to be brought into the barracks. 35 And when he came to the steps, he was actually carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the crowd, 36 for the mob of the people followed, crying out, “Away with him!”



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LESSON SEVEN MEMORIZATION

“And he said, ‘The God of our fathers appointed you to know His will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from His mouth; for you will be a witness for Him to everyone of what you have seen and heard.’”

Acts 22:14-15

WITNESS LESSON SEVEN

LESSON SEVEN ACTS TWENTY-ONE, TWENTY-TWO, & TWENTY-THREE

FOR DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

As you read Acts 21:37-23:22, mark references to the following:

God

Jesus

Paul

The Tribune

Witness

Baptize(d)

Testimony

Believe(d)

The Way

Geographic Locations

Terms of Conclusion (i.e. therefore,
for this reason, so that)

References to Time (i.e. when,
finally, until)

DAY ONE

Observe

Read Acts 21:37-23:22, asking who, what, when, where, why, and how.

1. Using one or two sentences, summarize the main theme of these chapters.
2. Continue listing your observations about the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit from these chapters. Record your findings on the designated pages in the Appendix.
3. As you are able, memorize Acts 22:14-15.



AND HE SAID, 'THE GOD OF OUR FATHERS APPOINTED YOU TO KNOW HIS WILL, TO SEE THE RIGHTEOUS ONE AND TO HEAR A VOICE FROM HIS MOUTH; FOR YOU WILL BE A WITNESS FOR HIM TO EVERYONE OF WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN AND HEARD.'

ACTS 22:14-15

DAY TWO

Observe

Read Acts 21:37-22:29.

1. Who is the primary figure in this section of Acts and to whom is he speaking primarily? (21:37)
2. In what language does Paul address the crowd? (21:40, 22:2)
3. What does Paul note about his former life? (vv. 3-5)
4. What happened when Paul met Jesus on the road to Damascus? (vv. 6-11)
5. When Ananias came to Paul, what did he do for him? (vv. 12-13)
6. According to Ananias, to what three things had God appointed Paul? Why? (vv. 14-15)

7. What was Paul to do? (v. 16)

8. What was God calling Paul away from and to whom was He calling him? (vv. 17-21)

9. How did the Jews respond when Paul said he was going to be sent far away to the Gentiles? (v. 22)

10. To what does Paul draw the centurion's attention? (vv. 25-27)

11. How was Paul's citizenship different from that of the tribune? (vv. 28-29)

DAY THREE

Observe

Read Acts 22:30-23:11.

1. Why did the tribune command the council and chief priests to meet? (v. 30)
2. Summarize Paul's interaction with the high priest. (vv. 1-5)
3. Why did Paul say that he was on trial? (v. 6)

Why did Paul's statement divide the assembly? (vv. 7-8)

4. Why did the tribune step into the dissension? (vv. 9-10)

5. What did the Lord say to Paul the following night? (v. 11)

Read Acts 23:12-22.

6. Describe the details of the conspiracy made against Paul. (vv. 12-15)

7. What did Paul's nephew do when he heard about the plot? (vv. 16-22)

DAY FOUR

Interpret

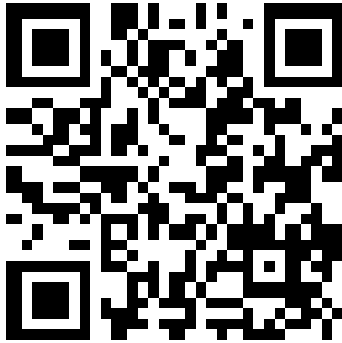
- 1. Why is it significant that Paul addressed the crowd in Hebrew? (21:40, 22:2)

- 2. In the chart below, record any additional information you learn about Paul’s salvation story from these two testimonies.

Acts 9:1-22	Galatians 1:11-24

FOR FURTHER STUDY

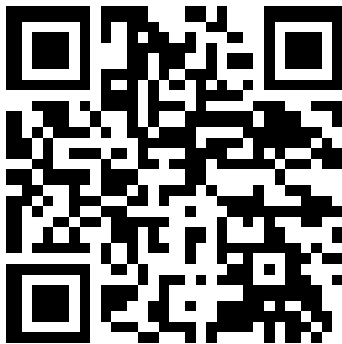
In Acts 22, we see a disagreement arise between the Sadducees and the Pharisees over the resurrection. Read the following resources to gain more understanding regarding the differences between these two groups.



What are the differences between the Sadducees and Pharisees?



Pharisees, Sadducees, & Essenes



Who were the Pharisees?



Who were the Sadducees?

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DAY FIVE

Apply

1. What have you learned or been reminded about God's character this week?
2. How have you seen these aspects of His character at work in your life?
3. Describe your experience calling on the name of the Lord for salvation. Be prepared to share this with your table.

4. Describe a time in your life when you have had to adapt your presentation of the gospel based on who you were sharing with.

ACTS TWENTY-ONE

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PAUL SPEAKS TO THE PEOPLE

37 As Paul was about to be brought into the barracks, he said to the tribune, “May I say something to you?” And he said, “Do you know Greek? 38 Are you not the Egyptian, then, who recently stirred up a revolt and led the four thousand men of the Assassins out into the wilderness?” 39 Paul replied, “I am a Jew, from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no obscure city. I beg you, permit me to speak to the people.” 40 And when he had given him permission, Paul, standing on the steps, motioned with his hand to the people. And when there was a great hush, he addressed them in the Hebrew language, saying:

ACTS TWENTY-TWO

“Brothers and fathers, hear the defense that I now make before you.”

2 And when they heard that he was addressing them in the Hebrew language, they became even more quiet. And he said:

3 “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated at the feet of Gamaliel according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God as all of you are this day. 4 I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering to prison both men and women, 5 as the high priest and the whole council of elders can bear me witness. From them I received letters to the brothers, and I journeyed toward Damascus to take those also who were there and bring them in bonds to Jerusalem to be punished.

6 “As I was on my way and drew near to Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone around me. 7 And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?’ 8 And I answered, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And he said to me, ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.’ 9 Now those who were with me saw the light but did not understand the voice of the one who was speaking to me. 10 And I said, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’ And the Lord said to me, ‘Rise, and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all that is appointed for you to do.’ 11 And since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me, and came into Damascus.

12 “And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, well

spoken of by all the Jews who lived there, 13 came to me, and standing by me said to me, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight.’ And at that very hour I received my sight and saw him. 14 And he said, ‘The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from his mouth; 15 for you will be a witness for him to everyone of what you have seen and heard. 16 And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.’

17 “When I had returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance 18 and saw him saying to me, ‘Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about me.’ 19 And I said, ‘Lord, they themselves know that in one synagogue after another I imprisoned and beat those who believed in you. 20 And when the blood of Stephen your witness was being shed, I myself was standing by and approving and watching over the garments of those who killed him.’ 21 And he said to me, ‘Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.’”

PAUL AND THE ROMAN TRIBUNE

22 Up to this word they listened to him. Then they raised their voices and said, “Away with such a fellow from the earth! For he should not be allowed to live.” 23 And as they were shouting and throwing off their cloaks and flinging dust into the air, 24 the tribune ordered him to be brought into the barracks, saying that he should be examined by flogging, to find out why they were shouting against him like this. 25 But when they had stretched him out for the whips, Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, “Is it lawful for you to flog a man who is a Roman citizen and uncondemned?” 26 When the centurion heard this, he went to the tribune and said to him, “What are you about to do? For this man is a Roman citizen.” 27 So the tribune came and said to him, “Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?” And he said, “Yes.” 28 The tribune answered, “I bought this citizenship for a large sum.” Paul said, “But I am a citizen by birth.” 29 So those who were about to examine him withdrew from him immediately, and the tribune also was afraid, for he realized that Paul was a Roman citizen and that he had bound him.

PAUL BEFORE THE COUNCIL

30 But on the next day, desiring to know the real reason why he was being accused by the Jews, he unbound him and commanded the chief priests and all the council to meet, and he brought Paul down and set him before them.



ACTS TWENTY-THREE

(1-22)

And looking intently at the council, Paul said, “Brothers, I have lived my life before God in all good conscience up to this day.” 2 And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth. 3 Then Paul said to him, “God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting to judge me according to the law, and yet contrary to the law you order me to be struck?” 4 Those who stood by said, “Would you revile God’s high priest?” 5 And Paul said, “I did not know, brothers, that he was the high priest, for it is written, ‘You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.’”

6 Now when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, “Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. It is with respect to the hope and

the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial.” 7 And when he had said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. 8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all. 9 Then a great clamor arose, and some of the scribes of the Pharisees’ party stood up and contended sharply, “We find nothing wrong in this man. What if a spirit or an angel spoke to him?” 10 And when the dissension became violent, the tribune, afraid that Paul would be torn to pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him away from among them by force and bring him into the barracks.

11 The following night the Lord stood by him and said, “Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem,

so you must testify also in Rome.”

A PLOT TO KILL PAUL

12 When it was day, the Jews made a plot and bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. 13 There were more than forty who made this conspiracy. 14 They went to the chief priests and elders and said, “We have strictly bound ourselves by an oath to taste no food till we have killed Paul. 15 Now therefore you, along with the council, give notice to the tribune to bring him down to you, as though you were going to determine his case more exactly. And we are ready to kill him before he comes near.”

16 Now the son of Paul’s sister heard of their ambush, so he went and entered the barracks and told Paul. 17 Paul called one of the centurions and said, “Take this young man to the tribune, for he has something to tell him.” 18 So he took him and brought him to the tribune and said, “Paul the prisoner called me and asked me to bring this young man to you, as he has something to say to you.” 19 The tribune took him by the hand, and going aside asked him privately, “What is it that you have to tell me?” 20 And he said, “The

Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul down to the council tomorrow, as though they were going to inquire somewhat more closely about him. 21 But do not be persuaded by them, for more than forty of their men are lying in ambush for him, who have bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink till they have killed him. And now they are ready, waiting for your consent.” 22 So the tribune dismissed the young man, charging him, “Tell no one that you have informed me of these things.”

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LESSON EIGHT MEMORIZATION

“After some days Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, and he sent for Paul and heard him speak about faith in Christ Jesus.”

Acts 24:24

WITNESS LESSON EIGHT

LESSON EIGHT ACTS TWENTY-THREE & TWENTY-FOUR

FOR DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

As you read Acts 23:23-24:27, mark references to the following:

God

Jesus

Paul

Felix

The Way

Geographic Locations

Terms of Conclusion (i.e. therefore,
for this reason, so that)

References to Time (i.e. when,
finally, until)

DAY ONE

Observe

Read Acts 23:23-24:27, asking who, what, when, where, why, and how.

1. Using one or two sentences, summarize the main theme of the chapters.
2. Continue listing your observations about the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit from these chapters. Record your findings on the designated pages in the Appendix.
3. As you are able, memorize Acts 24:24.



AFTER SOME DAYS FELIX CAME
WITH HIS WIFE DRUSILLA, WHO
WAS JEWISH, AND HE SENT FOR
PAUL AND HEARD HIM SPEAK
ABOUT FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS.”
ACTS 24:24

DAY TWO

Observe

Read Acts 23:23-24:9.

1. How many soldiers escorted Paul? (v. 23)

To whom were they taking him? (v. 24)

2. Summarize the tribune's letter. (vv. 25-30)

3. How did Felix respond to the tribune's letter? (vv. 33-35)

4. How long was it before Paul's accusers arrived? (v. 1)

5. Who laid the case against Paul before the governor? (v. 1)

6. What was Tertullus' approach to Felix? (vv. 2-4)

7. Of what does Tertullus accuse Paul? (vv. 5-8)

8. Who affirmed this accusation? (v. 9)

DAY THREE

Observe

Read Acts 24:10-27.

1. What was Paul's approach to Felix? (v. 10)
2. How did Paul respond to the accusations? (vv. 11-13)
3. What does Paul confess? (vv. 14-16)
4. How does Paul defend himself against the accusations? (vv. 17-20)
5. To what did Paul admit? (v. 21)

6. Describe Felix's knowledge of The Way. (v. 22)

7. What was Felix's response to what he had heard? (vv. 22-23)

8. What did Paul share with Felix and his wife? (v. 24)

What was their response? (v. 25)

9. Who succeeded Felix as governor? (v. 27)

DAY FOUR

Interpret

1. Look up the following cross-references and record what you learn about “the Way.”

Acts 9:2

Acts 19:9

Acts 19:23

Acts 24:14

Acts 24:22

2. Look up the Greek word translated as “Way” in Acts 24:14 and record the definitions below.

Which definition best fits the context for how the word is used in Acts 24:14?

3. Review Paul’s testimony before the Jewish Council in Acts 22:1-21. How does Paul’s testimony before Felix differ? (Acts 24:10-21)

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Look at the following resource and record what you learn about why Paul claimed Roman citizenship before the tribune and governor. Be sure to scroll down to the notes over Acts 22 and Acts 24 to help you with your answer.



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DAY FIVE

Apply

1. What have you learned or been reminded about God's character this week?
2. How have you seen these aspects of His character at work in your life?
3. This lesson we saw Paul on trial for his faith. Describe a time when you had to give a defense of your faith.
4. Read 2 Timothy 4:16-17. How can these verses help you when you are called to give a defense of your faith?
5. Read 1 Peter 3:15. Considering the culture of our day, what preparations do you need to make to be ready to give a defense of your faith?

ACTS TWENTY-THREE

(23-35)

PAUL SENT TO FELIX THE GOVERNOR

23 Then he called two of the centurions and said, “Get ready two hundred soldiers, with seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen to go as far as Caesarea at the third hour of the night. 24 Also provide mounts for Paul to ride and bring him safely to Felix the governor.” 25 And he wrote a letter to this effect:

26 “Claudius Lysias, to his Excellency the governor Felix, greetings. 27 This man was seized by the Jews and was about to be killed by them when I came upon them with the soldiers and rescued him, having learned that he was a Roman citizen. 28 And desiring to know the charge for which they were accusing him, I brought him down to their council. 29 I found that he was being accused about questions of their law, but charged with nothing deserving death or

imprisonment. 30 And when it was disclosed to me that there would be a plot against the man, I sent him to you at once, ordering his accusers also to state before you what they have against him.”

31 So the soldiers, according to their instructions, took Paul and brought him by night to Antipatris. 32 And on the next day they returned to the barracks, letting the horsemen go on with him. 33 When they had come to Caesarea and delivered the letter to the governor, they presented Paul also before him. 34 On reading the letter, he asked what province he was from. And when he learned that he was from Cilicia, 35 he said, “I will give you a hearing when your accusers arrive.” And he commanded him to be guarded in Herod’s praetorium.

ACTS TWENTY-FOUR

PAUL BEFORE FELIX AT CAESAREA

And after five days the high priest Ananias came down with some elders and a spokesman, one Tertullus. They laid before the governor their case against Paul. 2 And when he had been summoned, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying:

“Since through you we enjoy much peace, and since by your foresight, most excellent Felix, reforms are being made for this nation, 3 in every way and everywhere we accept this with all gratitude. 4 But, to detain you no further, I beg you in your kindness to hear us briefly. 5 For we have found this man a plague, one who stirs up riots among all the Jews throughout the world and is a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes. 6 He even tried to profane the temple, but we seized him. 8 By examining him yourself

you will be able to find out from him about everything of which we accuse him.”

9 The Jews also joined in the charge, affirming that all these things were so.

10 And when the governor had nodded to him to speak, Paul replied:

“Knowing that for many years you have been a judge over this nation, I cheerfully make my defense. 11 You can verify that it is not more than twelve days since I went up to worship in Jerusalem, 12 and they did not find me disputing with anyone or stirring up a crowd, either in the temple or in the synagogues or in the city. 13 Neither can they prove to you what they now bring up against me. 14 But this I confess to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship

the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets, 15 having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust. 16 So I always take pains to have a clear conscience toward both God and man. 17 Now after several years I came to bring alms to my nation and to present offerings. 18 While I was doing this, they found me purified in the temple, without any crowd or tumult. But some Jews from Asia— 19 they ought to be here before you and to make an accusation, should they have anything against me. 20 Or else let these men themselves say what wrongdoing they found when I stood before the council, 21 other than this one thing that I cried out while standing among them: ‘It is with respect to the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you this day.’”

PAUL KEPT IN CUSTODY

22 But Felix, having a rather accurate knowledge of the Way, put them off, saying, “When Lysias the tribune comes down, I will decide your case.” 23 Then he gave orders to the centurion that he should be kept in custody but have some liberty, and that none

of his friends should be prevented from attending to his needs.

24 After some days Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, and he sent for Paul and heard him speak about faith in Christ Jesus. 25 And as he reasoned about righteousness and self-control and the coming judgment, Felix was alarmed and said, “Go away for the present. When I get an opportunity I will summon you.” 26 At the same time he hoped that money would be given him by Paul. So he sent for him often and conversed with him. 27 When two years had elapsed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus. And desiring to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul in prison.



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LESSON NINE MEMORIZATION

“To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, He would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.”

Acts 26:22-23

WITNESS

LESSON NINE

LESSON NINE ACTS TWENTY-FIVE & TWENTY-SIX

FOR DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

As you read Acts 25-26, mark
references to the following:

God

Jesus

Paul

Festus

Agrippa

Witness/ Testify

Repent(ance)

Believe(d)

The Way

Light

Geographic Locations

Terms of Conclusion (i.e. therefore,
for this reason, so that)

References to Time (i.e. when,
finally, until)

DAY ONE

Observe

Read all of Acts 25-26, asking who, what, when, where, why, and how.

1. Using one or two sentences, summarize the main theme of the chapters.
2. Continue listing your observations about the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit from these chapters. Record your findings on the designated pages in the Appendix.
3. As you are able, memorize Acts 26:22-23.



TO THIS DAY I HAVE HAD THE HELP
THAT COMES FROM GOD, AND SO I STAND
HERE TESTIFYING BOTH TO SMALL AND
GREAT, SAYING NOTHING BUT WHAT THE
PROPHETS AND MOSES SAID WOULD
COME TO PASS: THAT THE CHRIST MUST
SUFFER AND THAT, BY BEING THE FIRST
TO RISE FROM THE DEAD, HE WOULD
PROCLAIM LIGHT BOTH TO OUR PEOPLE
AND TO THE GENTILES.”

ACTS 26:22-23

DAY TWO

One of the goals of Highland Inductive Studies is to equip you with tools and skills to study the Bible for yourself, without the help of a workbook. Therefore, the next three lessons will look different from the previous ones, as you use the inductive method to study the last chapters of Acts on your own. Be confident in the skills of observation, interpretation, and application that you have developed!

The first step of inductive Bible study is Observation, which answers the question, “What does the text say?” On Days Two and Three, we will use the tools that we have learned to observe the primary passages for this week.

Observe

Practice observing Acts 25 using the following questions as a guide.

1. **Who:** List the people who are mentioned in Acts 25 and record what you learn about them, including their responses.

2. **What:** Summarize the events of Acts 25. Remember, start in verse 1 and question all 27 verses of the text as you build your complete summary.

3. **When** and **Where**: Record when and where the events of Acts 25 take place.

DAY THREE

Observe

Practice observing Acts 26 using the following questions as a guide.

1. **Who:** List the people who are mentioned in Acts 26 and record what you learn about them, including their responses.
2. **What:** Summarize the events of Acts 26. Remember, start in verse 1 and question all 32 verses of the text as you build your complete summary.

3. **When** and **Where**: Record when and where the events of Acts 26 take place.

DAY FOUR

Interpret

Read Acts 26:1-23 again.

1. Compare Paul's testimony before King Agrippa to the previous times he has shared his faith. You can refer to Lesson 7, Day 4 (Acts 9:1-22; Galatians 1:11-24; Acts 22:1-21), and Lesson 8, Day 4 (Acts 24:10-21) to help you compare. Record any similarities and/or differences in the space below.

2. Read Acts 26:24-25. Look up the following cross-references and record what you learn about the difference between the wisdom of God and the wisdom of man.

Proverbs 2:6

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

James 1:5

DAY FIVE

Apply

1. What have you learned or been reminded about God's character this week?
2. How have you seen these aspects of His character at work in your life?
3. Describe a time when you used the Scriptures as you gave an account of your faith.
4. What are some practical things you do to focus on the wisdom of God over the wisdom of man?
5. Over the next two weeks, we are going to give you time to write out your testimony, using the "My Testimony" section in the Appendix. This week as you write, focus on your life before Christ and how/when you heard the gospel. We will add to this next week.



ACTS TWENTY-FIVE

PAUL APPEALS TO CAESAR

Now three days after Festus had arrived in the province, he went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea. 2 And the chief priests and the principal men of the Jews laid out their case against Paul, and they urged him, 3 asking as a favor against Paul that he summon him to Jerusalem—because they were planning an ambush to kill him on the way. 4 Festus replied that Paul was being kept at Caesarea and that he himself intended to go there shortly. 5 “So,” said he, “let the men of authority among you go down with me, and if there is anything wrong about the man, let them bring charges against him.”

6 After he stayed among them not more than eight or ten days, he went down to Caesarea. And the next day he took his seat on the tribunal and ordered Paul to be brought. 7 When he had arrived, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood

around him, bringing many and serious charges against him that they could not prove. 8 Paul argued in his defense, “Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I committed any offense.” 9 But Festus, wishing to do the Jews a favor, said to Paul, “Do you wish to go up to Jerusalem and there be tried on these charges before me?” 10 But Paul said, “I am standing before Caesar’s tribunal, where I ought to be tried. To the Jews I have done no wrong, as you yourself know very well. 11 If then I am a wrongdoer and have committed anything for which I deserve to die, I do not seek to escape death. But if there is nothing to their charges against me, no one can give me up to them. I appeal to Caesar.” 12 Then Festus, when he had conferred with his council, answered, “To Caesar you have appealed; to Caesar you shall go.”

PAUL BEFORE AGRIPPA AND BERNICE

13 Now when some days had passed, Agrippa the king and Bernice arrived at Caesarea and greeted Festus. 14 And as they stayed there many days, Festus laid Paul's case before the king, saying, "There is a man left prisoner by Felix, 15 and when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews laid out their case against him, asking for a sentence of condemnation against him. 16 I answered them that it was not the custom of the Romans to give up anyone before the accused met the accusers face to face and had opportunity to make his defense concerning the charge laid against him. 17 So when they came together here, I made no delay, but on the next day took my seat on the tribunal and ordered the man to be brought. 18 When the accusers stood up, they brought no charge in his case of such evils as I supposed. 19 Rather they had certain points of dispute with him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus, who was dead, but whom Paul asserted to be alive. 20 Being at a loss how to investigate these questions, I asked whether he wanted to go to Jerusalem and be tried there regarding them.

21 But when Paul had appealed to be kept in custody for the decision of the emperor, I ordered him to be held until I could send him to Caesar." 22 Then Agrippa said to Festus, "I would like to hear the man myself." "Tomorrow," said he, "you will hear him."

23 So on the next day Agrippa and Bernice came with great pomp, and they entered the audience hall with the military tribunes and the prominent men of the city. Then, at the command of Festus, Paul was brought in. 24 And Festus said, "King Agrippa and all who are present with us, you see this man about whom the whole Jewish people petitioned me, both in Jerusalem and here, shouting that he ought not to live any longer. 25 But I found that he had done nothing deserving death. And as he himself appealed to the emperor, I decided to go ahead and send him. 26 But I have nothing definite to write to my lord about him. Therefore I have brought him before you all, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that, after we have examined him, I may have something to write. 27 For it seems to me unreasonable, in sending a prisoner, not to indicate the charges against him."

ACTS TWENTY-SIX

PAUL'S DEFENSE BEFORE AGRIPPA

So Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense:

2 "I consider myself fortunate that it is before you, King Agrippa, I am going to make my defense today against all the accusations of the Jews, 3 especially because you are familiar with all the customs and controversies of the Jews. Therefore I beg you to listen to me patiently.

4 "My manner of life from my youth, spent from the beginning among my own nation and in Jerusalem, is known by all the Jews. 5 They have known for a long time, if they are willing to testify, that according to the strictest party of our religion I have lived as a Pharisee. 6 And now I stand here on trial because

of my hope in the promise made by God to our fathers, 7 to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly worship night and day. And for this hope I am accused by Jews, O king! 8 Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?

9 "I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things in opposing the name of Jesus of Nazareth. 10 And I did so in Jerusalem. I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them. 11 And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme, and in raging fury against them I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

PAUL TELLS OF HIS CONVERSION

12 “In this connection I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. 13 At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, that shone around me and those who journeyed with me. 14 And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’ 15 And I said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. 16 But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, 17 delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you 18 to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’

19 “Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, 20 but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the

region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance. 21 For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. 22 To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: 23 that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.”

24 And as he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, “Paul, you are out of your mind; your great learning is driving you out of your mind.” 25 But Paul said, “I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words. 26 For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner. 27 King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe.” 28 And Agrippa said to Paul, “In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?”

29 And Paul said, “Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains.”

30 Then the king rose, and the governor and Bernice and those who were sitting with them. 31 And when they had withdrawn, they said to one another, “This man is doing nothing to deserve death or imprisonment.” 32 And Agrippa said to Festus, “This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar.”



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LESSON TEN MEMORIZATION

“So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told.”

Acts 27:25

WITNESS LESSON TEN

LESSON TEN ACTS TWENTY-SEVEN

FOR DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

As you read Acts 27, mark
references to the following:

God

Paul

Centurion

Geographic Locations

Terms of Conclusion (i.e. therefore,
for this reason, so that)

References to Time (i.e. when,
finally, until)

DAY ONE

Observe

Read all of Acts 27, asking who, what, when, where, why, and how.

1. Using one or two sentences, summarize the main theme of the chapter.
2. Add to your lists of observations about the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit from this chapter. You can record your findings on the designated pages in the Appendix.
3. As you are able, memorize Acts 27:25.



SO TAKE HEART, MEN, FOR I HAVE
FAITH IN GOD THAT IT WILL BE
EXACTLY AS I HAVE BEEN TOLD.”

ACTS 27:25

DAYS TWO & THREE

The first step of inductive Bible study is Observation, which answers the question, “what does the text say?” On Days Two and Three, we will use the tools that we have learned to observe the primary passages for this week.

Observe

Practice observing Acts 27 using the following questions as a guide. As you read, use the map in the Appendix to trace Paul’s Journey to Rome.

1. **Who:** List the people who are mentioned in Acts 27 and record what you learn about them, including their responses.

2. **What:** Summarize the events of Acts 27. Remember, start in verse 1 and question all 44 verses of the text as you build your complete summary.

3. **When** and **Where**: Record when and where the events of Acts 26 take place.

DAY FOUR

Interpret

Read Acts 27:21-24.

1. Read the following cross-references and record what you learn about God's faithfulness to keep His word.

Numbers 23:19

Joshua 21:45

Isaiah 55:11

John 10:27-30

Philippians 1:6

2. God's promises are found in His Word. Read the following cross-references and record what you learn about God's Word.

Psalm 18:30

Psalm 33:4

Psalm 119:130

Isaiah 40:8

Hebrews 4:12

DAY FIVE

Apply

1. What have you learned or been reminded about God's character this week?
2. How have you seen these aspects of His character at work in your life?
3. Describe a time when you have needed to test something you were feeling or thinking against what the Word says.
4. Describe a time when you saw God's faithfulness in the midst of a desperate situation.
5. This week as you continue to write out your testimony, using the "My Testimony" page in the Appendix, focus on your response to the gospel and your life now in Christ.



ACTS TWENTY-SEVEN

PAUL SAILS FOR ROME

And when it was decided that we should sail for Italy, they delivered Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion of the Augustan Cohort named Julius. 2 And embarking in a ship of Adramyttium, which was about to sail to the ports along the coast of Asia, we put to sea, accompanied by Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica. 3 The next day we put in at Sidon. And Julius treated Paul kindly and gave him leave to go to his friends and be cared for. 4 And putting out to sea from there we sailed under the lee of Cyprus, because the winds were against us. 5 And when we had sailed across the open sea along the coast of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra in Lycia. 6 There the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing for Italy and put us on board. 7 We sailed slowly for a number of days and arrived with difficulty off Cnidus, and as the wind did

not allow us to go farther, we sailed under the lee of Crete off Salmone. 8 Coasting along it with difficulty, we came to a place called Fair Havens, near which was the city of Lasea.

9 Since much time had passed, and the voyage was now dangerous because even the Fast was already over, Paul advised them, 10 saying, “Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be with injury and much loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives.” 11 But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said. 12 And because the harbor was not suitable to spend the winter in, the majority decided to put out to sea from there, on the chance that somehow they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete, facing both southwest and northwest, and spend the winter there.

THE STORM AT SEA

13 Now when the south wind blew gently, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, they weighed anchor and sailed along Crete, close to the shore. 14 But soon a tempestuous wind, called the northeaster, struck down from the land. 15 And when the ship was caught and could not face the wind, we gave way to it and were driven along. 16 Running under the lee of a small island called Cauda, we managed with difficulty to secure the ship's boat. 17 After hoisting it up, they used supports to undergird the ship. Then, fearing that they would run aground on the Syrtis, they lowered the gear, and thus they were driven along. 18 Since we were violently storm-tossed, they began the next day to jettison the cargo. 19 And on the third day they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. 20 When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned.

21 Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul stood up among them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and incurred this injury and loss. 22

Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. 23 For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, 24 and he said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.' 25 So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. 26 But we must run aground on some island."

27 When the fourteenth night had come, as we were being driven across the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were nearing land. 28 So they took a sounding and found twenty fathoms. A little farther on they took a sounding again and found fifteen fathoms. 29 And fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come. 30 And as the sailors were seeking to escape from the ship, and had lowered the ship's boat into the sea under pretense of laying out anchors from the bow, 31 Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved." 32 Then the soldiers cut

away the ropes of the ship's boat and let it go.

33 As day was about to dawn, Paul urged them all to take some food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day that you have continued in suspense and without food, having taken nothing. 34 Therefore I urge you to take some food. For it will give you strength, for not a hair is to perish from the head of any of you." 35 And when he had said these things, he took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all he broke it and began to eat. 36 Then they all were encouraged and ate some food themselves. 37 (We were in all 276 persons in the ship.) 38 And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea.

THE SHIPWRECK

39 Now when it was day, they did not recognize the land, but they noticed a bay with a beach, on which they planned if possible to run the ship ashore. 40 So they cast off the anchors and left them in the sea, at the same time loosening the ropes that tied the rudders. Then hoisting the foresail to the wind they made for the beach. 41 But striking a reef, they ran the vessel aground. The bow stuck

and remained immovable, and the stern was being broken up by the surf. 42 The soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, lest any should swim away and escape. 43 But the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, 44 and the rest on planks or on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.



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LESSON ELEVEN MEMORIZATION

“For this reason, therefore, I have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is because of the hope of Israel that I am wearing this chain.”

Acts 28:20

WITNESS LESSON ELEVEN

DAYS ONE & TWO

Observe

Read all of Acts 28, asking who, what, when, where, why, and how.

1. In the space below, record any observations that you made from interrogating the text. At this point in your study, you are merely writing down our observations, not what you think the text means.

2. What are a couple of key observations from this chapter?

3. Pick three key words or phrases to mark in Acts 28. In the space below, make a list of observations about the key words and phrases you found in the text. Remember, key words and phrases do not have to be repeated.

Key word or phrase: _____

List of observations:

Key word or phrase: _____
List of observations:

Key word or phrase: _____
List of observations:

4. What would you title this section of Acts?

DAYS THREE & FOUR

Interpret

The second step of inductive Bible study is Interpretation, which answers the question, “what does the text mean?” On Days Three and Four, we will use the tools that we have learned from this study to interpret the primary passage for this week.

1. Choose three key words or phrases from this text that stand out to you. Using one of the resources listed in the Appendix, conduct a word study for each of them. In the space below, record the Greek words or phrases and their meaning.

a.

b.

c.

2. How do these word studies add to your understanding of Acts 28?

3. Using your study Bible or one of the resources listed in the Appendix, look up cross-references that can help you better understand the meaning of Acts 28. Record the references below, including any insight that they add.

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

f.

DAY FIVE

Apply

The third step of inductive Bible study is Application, which asks two questions: “What does the text teach me about God?” and “How does the text apply to my life?”

1. What have you learned or been reminded about God this week?
2. How have you seen these aspects of His character at work in your life?
3. What applications have you gleaned from your studies this week?
4. Prepare to share your testimony around your table this week.



ACTS TWENTY-EIGHT

PAUL ON MALTA

After we were brought safely through, we then learned that the island was called Malta. 2 The native people showed us unusual kindness, for they kindled a fire and welcomed us all, because it had begun to rain and was cold. 3 When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened on his hand. 4 When the native people saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, “No doubt this man is a murderer. Though he has escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live.” 5 He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. 6 They were waiting for him to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But when they had waited a long time and saw no misfortune come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.

7 Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the chief man of the island, named Publius, who received us and entertained us hospitably for three days. 8 It happened that the father of Publius lay sick with fever and dysentery. And Paul visited him and prayed, and putting his hands on him, healed him. 9 And when this had taken place, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases also came and were cured. 10 They also honored us greatly, and when we were about to sail, they put on board whatever we needed.

PAUL ARRIVES AT ROME

11 After three months we set sail in a ship that had wintered in the island, a ship of Alexandria, with the twin gods as a figurehead. 12 Putting in at Syracuse, we stayed there for three days. 13 And from there we made a circuit and arrived at Rhegium. And after

one day a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli. 14 There we found brothers and were invited to stay with them for seven days. And so we came to Rome. 15 And the brothers there, when they heard about us, came as far as the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns to meet us. On seeing them, Paul thanked God and took courage. 16 And when we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier who guarded him.

PAUL IN ROME

17 After three days he called together the local leaders of the Jews, and when they had gathered, he said to them, “Brothers, though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans. 18 When they had examined me, they wished to set me at liberty, because there was no reason for the death penalty in my case. 19 But because the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar—though I had no charge to bring against my nation. 20 For this reason, therefore, I have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is because of the hope of Israel that I am wearing

this chain.” 21 And they said to him, “We have received no letters from Judea about you, and none of the brothers coming here has reported or spoken any evil about you. 22 But we desire to hear from you what your views are, for with regard to this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against.”

23 When they had appointed a day for him, they came to him at his lodging in greater numbers. From morning till evening he expounded to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets. 24 And some were convinced by what he said, but others disbelieved. 25 And disagreeing among themselves, they departed after Paul had made one statement: “The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet:

26 “Go to this people, and say, “You will indeed hear but never understand,

and you will indeed see but never perceive.”

27 For this people’s heart has grown dull,

and with their ears they can barely hear,

and their eyes they have closed;

lest they should see with their eyes
and hear with their ears
and understand with their heart
and turn, and I would heal
them.’

28 Therefore let it be known to
you that this salvation of God has
been sent to the Gentiles; they will
listen.”

30 He lived there two whole
years at his own expense, and
welcomed all who came to him,
31 proclaiming the kingdom of
God and teaching about the Lord
Jesus Christ with all boldness and
without hindrance.





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APPENDIX



OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE FATHER

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT JESUS

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

MY TESTIMONY

My life before Christ

How and when I heard the gospel

My response to the gospel

My life now in Christ

TOOLS FOR INTERPRETATION

How to conduct a word study on Blue Letter Bible:

Step One: Go to blueletterbible.org and enter the Scripture reference in the search bar.

Step Two: To look into a specific word, phrase, or verse, click on its verse reference (in blue) on the left-hand side of the page.

Step Three: Click on the Strong's number (in blue) that correlates with the word or phrase that you are studying.

Step Four: Look at the Strong's definition of the Greek or Hebrew word or phrase. Look at the Outline of Biblical Usage and record what you learn, as well.

Tip: If there is more than one definition to a word or phrase, choose the one that best fits within the context of the surrounding verses.

How to look up cross-references on Blue Letter Bible:

Step One: Go to blueletterbible.org and enter the Scripture reference to the passage that you are studying in the search bar.

Step Two: To look into a specific word, phrase, or verse, click on its verse reference (in blue) on the left-hand side of the page.

Step Three: Click on the tab that says, “cross-references” and read the Scriptures listed below.

THE SETTING OF ACTS

c. A.D. 30-60

The book of Acts records the spread of the gospel from Jerusalem to Rome, thus fulfilling the risen Christ's words to his apostles in Acts 1:8.



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PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

c. A.D. 49-51 (Acts 15:36-18:22)

Paul and Silas revisited the places in Asia Minor where Paul had preached on his first journey, while Barnabas took John Mark and sailed to Cyprus. Paul and Silas visited Derge, Lystra, and Antioch in Pisidia. From there Paul and Silas traveled to Troas, where Paul received a vision of a man from Macedonia calling to them. Crossing into Europe, they passed through several towns along the Egnatian Way and traveled to the cities of Athens and Corinth in southern Greece. Then, sailing to Ephesus and Caesarea, they visited the church in Jerusalem before returning to Antioch and Syria.



PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

c. A.D. 52-57 (Acts 18:22-21:17)

Paul's third missionary journey traversed much the same ground as his second. Passing through Galatia and Phrygia, he proceeded directly to the great port city of Ephesus. After three years of preaching and teaching there, Paul traveled again through Macedonia and Achaia, strengthening the believers, and then finished with a visit to Jerusalem.



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PAUL'S JOURNEY TO ROME

c. A.D. 60

Appealing his case to Caesar, Paul was ordered by Festus to be transferred to Rome. Paul's journey was marked by difficult weather, as they had begun their voyage late into the season for sea travel. A bad decision to try to find winter harbor at Phoenix ended with the ship being driven by a storm to the island of Malta, where the ship broke apart. All aboard the ship survived, however, and Paul was soon placed aboard another ship that took him to Puteoli. From there Paul was taken to Rome.



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