

Acts Bible Study Discussion Questions

Chapter 20

Acts 20:1-6

1. Look back at Chapter 19 and summarize Paul's ministry in Ephesus. What was his probable mood at the beginning of it (see 1 Cor. 16:8-9), and at the end?
2. What was Paul's message as he left Ephesus, and as he traveled through Macedonia toward Greece?
3. Read verse 4 again. What is different about this journey?

Acts 20:7-12

4. Discuss the meeting on the eve of Paul's departure from Troas. What does it tell us about the Christians of Troas? About Paul?
5. Do you think Eutychus was really dead? Or just knocked out? Does it matter?

Acts 20:13-16

6. What do these few verses tell us about Paul's thinking at that time? Why is he skipping a stop in Ephesus?

Acts 20:17-24

7. How does Paul describe his activities during the time he spent at Ephesus?
8. What does he say about his reason for going to Jerusalem?
9. What is it that is important to him?

Acts 20:25-38

10. What is the meaning of verses 26-27?
11. Read Revelation 2:1-7. Relate this to what Paul says in verses 28-31.
12. What is special about Paul's leave-taking here, compared to other times and places?

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Chapter 21

Acts 21:1-14

1. What is the meaning of the second part of verse 4?
2. In verses 5-6, does this also seem to be a final farewell, similar to that in Chapter 20?
3. Discuss verse 9. Why does it matter that the daughters were unmarried? Do you think they prophesied similarly to Agabus (verses 10-11)?
4. Do you see similarities here between Paul's determination and that of Jesus before He was crucified?

Acts 21:15-25

5. How was Paul received in Jerusalem?
6. Why did he go to visit James? How was his report to the elders received?
7. What is noteworthy about Paul's report to the elders? (verse 19)
8. How many Jewish believers are there in Jerusalem? (verse 20)
9. What have the Jewish believers been told about Paul? Do the elders think it is true?
10. What did they suggest that Paul do to avoid the danger?
11. Why did they need to mention again that letter to the gentile believers?

Acts 21:26-41

12. Who actually raised an alarm against Paul in the Temple? Why?
13. What did they say to stir up the crowd? Was it true?
14. Discuss verse 30. Who shut the doors of the temple?
15. Why would the Roman soldiers arrest the one who was being beaten by the crowd? (v.33) Who did they think he was?
16. Why do you think the crowd quieted down when Paul got up to speak?