

ACTS

Bible Study

2018-2019



Lesson: 24
Acts 20

Read this week's scripture and answer the questions below. As you read, consider how these verses fit into what you are seeing or experiencing today. Prepare to share with your small group anything that jumped out at you, confused you, encouraged you, challenged or convicted you.

Wednesday:

Before reading, pray for insight into this week's passage, ask that the spirit would enable you to understand and enact what you read. Read all of Acts chapter 20. What stands out to you? Let this lead you to prayer.

Thursday:

Read verses 1-3. See that Paul has endured the trials at Ephesus; see that he quickly encounters the opposition of the Jews at Greece. Here is Paul's faith; here is God's faithfulness. Can you see God's leading amidst trials, past and present. Let these thoughts lead you to prayer today, prayers of thanks, prayers asking for help and strength.

Friday

Read verses 4-6. Paul is on the move, but he does not travel alone. Notice the disciples who he takes time to encourage before leaving, those he travels with, and those who go on ahead. As disciples, we are never called to labor alone. God forms individuals by forming communities. What does your community look like? Are you leaning in? Pray for the community and its part in the larger body.

Saturday

Read verse 7. Paul and his fellow disciples break bread. Table fellowship was central to Jesus's ministry; the same is true of Christ's disciples. Who might God be calling you to break bread with? Pray over this thought...then make the call, choose the night, break bread (or pizza potentially).

Sunday:

Read verses 7-12. Compare this story with the longest, most sleep inducing sermon you've ever heard. The bible seems to declare that disciples have been falling asleep during sermons for as long as the church has existed. In the end, this is a story of life being restored. That's different than life being entertaining. What do you seek in a message: life or entertainment? Let these thoughts lead you to do business with the Lord in prayer this day.

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Monday:

Take in verse 16. Paul is now focused on reaching Jerusalem by the day of Pentecost. He wishes to be in the city of David on the day marking the spirit filling and empowering the church. In Paul's desire we glimpse a great picture of God's faithfulness to the Jew and the Gentile and to us. Let us praise God for his faithfulness generation to generation.

Tuesday.

Read verses 17-38. So much to see here, but focus on verse 32. Paul seeks to build up the church, commending them to God and his grace. What stands out in this passage? Let these thoughts lead you to prayer today.

Notes/Prayer Request
