

WEEK 6: THE THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY
DAY 1: PAUL VISITED THE CHURCHES AGAIN

Acts 18:23-28

1. We are now halfway through this second part of Acts. You have done well to come so far. Today we will see how Paul began his third missionary journey. From God's message to Paul in Corinth, why should we not be afraid in the work of the Lord?

2. We should not be afraid because God is with us. Paul had many troubles on his missionary journeys. But he kept on going. He kept going back to the churches he had started. Today we will learn two things which happened at the beginning of the third journey.

(1) First Paul went back to visit the new churches again.

(2) Apollos was a good preacher in many ways, but Aquila and Priscilla taught him the way of God more fully.

Take your Bible now and read Acts 18:23 to 28. Read verse 23 again. Paul was at Antioch. As he left Antioch the third time, where did he go?

3. He went through Galatia and Phrygia. These were the countries where Paul had started churches on his first journey. Look at the map which shows the beginning of Paul's third journey. Fill in the line all the way to Ephesus.

Acts 18:23:

After spending some time there (at Antioch) he departed and went from place to place through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

Whom was Paul making strong in these churches? _____

4. He was making the disciples strong. These were the believers or Christians. He did not forget about them. He kept praying for them. He kept on visiting them and teaching them.

On which journey did Paul visit the new churches the third time? _____

5. It was on the third journey. After the second journey he went back to Antioch. This was the church which sent him. He stayed there for some time. Perhaps he rested. Perhaps he told them about all the new churches in Macedonia. Then Paul started out again.

Whom did he visit as he began his third missionary journey? _____

6. He visited the new churches again. He was on the way to people who had not heard of Jesus. But first he helped the ones who had already believed.

As we have heard, who is the great missionary in the third part of Acts? _____

7. This missionary is Paul. God was sending him. He could not stop going. He was now starting out on his third missionary journey.

From Acts 18:23, what did Paul do first on the third missionary journey? _____

8. He first visited the new churches again. He found that they were growing. Some new preachers were beginning to work. When Paul came to Ephesus he found a Jewish preacher doing good work. He had been helped by Aquila and Priscilla.

Acts 18:24:

Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man (or a good speaker), well versed (or taught) in the scriptures.

Who was preaching at Ephesus when Paul came? _____

9. Apollos was preaching there. He was a good preacher in many ways. But he needed help. He needed to understand the way of God more clearly. He was at Ephesus where Paul had planted a church at the end of his second journey.

From Acts 18:23, what did Paul do first on the third missionary journey? _____

10. He first visited the new churches again. Paul had preached at Ephesus at the end of his second journey. He stayed a short time. They asked him to stay longer. He said that he would come back if the Lord willed. Before Paul came back, Apollos began to preach at Ephesus.

Acts 18:24-25:

He was an eloquent man, well versed in the scriptures. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent (or strong) in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John.

From these verses write two things which made Apollos a good preacher.

(1) _____

(2) _____

11. Apollos knew the scriptures. He was well taught. He was strong in Spirit. He spoke and taught about Jesus. But Apollos lacked something. He knew only the baptism of John. He did not know of the baptism of Jesus.

Acts 18:26:

He began to speak boldly in the synagogue; but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him and expounded to him the way of God more accurately (or fully).

Who taught Apollos more fully about the things he was trying to preach? _____

12. Aquila and Priscilla lived in the same village with Apollos. They heard him preach. He was a very good preacher. But they noticed something missing in his message. Perhaps they had heard Paul say that we must teach God's word clearly.

2 Timothy 2:15:

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

What did Aquila and Priscilla do for Apollos? _____

13. They explained the way of God more fully to him. Some preachers know much about God's word, but they need to know more. When someone finishes Bible school, he may think he knows all about the Bible. But some are like Apollos. They still need help.

Acts 18:25:

he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John.

In what teaching did Apollos need more understanding? _____

14. Apollos needed more understanding about baptism. He knew only the baptism of John. John preached a baptism of repenting. He did not preach about the baptism of Jesus.

Mark 1:4:

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Was the baptism of John enough after Jesus was on earth and went back to heaven? _____

15. The baptism of John was not enough. Jesus told the disciples how they should baptise.

Matthew 28:19:

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Since Apollos did not understand this, what did Priscilla and Aquila do for him?

16. They explained to him the way of God more fully. Perhaps they told him the words which Peter used on the Day of Pentecost.

Acts 2:38:

And Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

From Acts 18:23, what did Paul do first on the third missionary journey? _____

17. He visited the new churches again. At Ephesus he met Apollos. Apollos needed to know more about the baptism of Jesus. He needed to know more about the Holy Spirit.

Apollos was a good preacher in many ways, but what did Aquila and Priscilla do for him?

18. They explained to him the way of God more fully. A man may speak well and know many things from the Bible. But all of us must keep on learning. Young preachers especially need to be taught. They can be taught by those who have served God for many years.

Now let me give you something difficult to do. Go to an older person in the church. Ask him to teach you something he feels you should know. Ask him how you can work for God in a better way. It may not be easy to accept this teaching. But it will make you a better church leader. Be ready to tell the class what happened.

19. From Acts 18:23, what did Paul do first on the third missionary journey?

Apollos was a good preacher in many ways, but what did Aquila and Priscilla do for him?

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DAY 2: DISCIPLES OF JOHN AT EPHESUS WERE BAPTISED

Acts 19:1-10

1. We have seen that Paul spent only a short time at Ephesus at first. This was on his second missionary journey.

From Acts 18:23, what did Paul do first on the third missionary journey? _____

Apollos was a good preacher in many ways. But what did Aquila and Priscilla do for him? _____

2. First Paul visited the new churches again. Finally he came to Ephesus. He found that Aquila and Priscilla explained the way of God more fully to Apollos. This time Paul stayed for a long time at Ephesus. He helped some disciples of John. After Paul helped them:

- (1) They were baptised in the name of Jesus.
- (2) The Holy Spirit came on them.

Take your Bible now and read Acts 19:1 to 10. Read verse 1 again. From this verse, whom did Paul meet in Ephesus? _____

3. He met some disciples. These disciples were like Apollos before Aquila and Priscilla helped him.

Acts 19:2:

And he (Paul) said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

Did these disciples understand the way of God fully? _____

4. They did not understand fully. Paul was happy about the way the Holy Spirit was working. He asked these disciples if they had received the Holy Spirit. They were surprised. They had not heard of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 19:3:

And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism."

These disciples were still following the teaching of whom? _____

5. They were following the teaching of John. This was John the Baptist. They were doing all they knew to do. They were trying to be good disciples of John. So Paul explained more to them. He told them that Jesus had now come.

Acts 19:4:

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.

In whose name did these disciples need to be baptised? _____

6. They needed to be baptised in the name of Jesus.

Acts 19:5:

On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

After Paul helped these disciples, two things were done to them. Write the first and read the second.

(1) _____

(2) The Holy Spirit came on them.

7. First, they were baptized in the name of Jesus. These disciples were somewhat like Apollos. But they were a little different from him. Apollos knew much about Jesus. We remember that he carefully taught many things about Jesus. But it seems that these disciples did not know that Jesus had come.

Who helped these disciples so they were baptised in the name of Jesus and the Holy Spirit came on them? _____

8. Paul helped these disciples. He taught them. He got someone to baptise them. He prayed for them.

After he helped them, what two things were done to them?

(1) _____

(2) The Holy Spirit came on them.

9. First they were baptised in the name of Jesus. You remember the question which Paul asked them.

Acts 19:2:

“Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

Whom had these disciples at Ephesus never heard about? _____

10. These disciples had not heard about the Holy Spirit.

At which city were these disciples who needed to have the Holy Spirit come on them? _____

11. They were at Ephesus. Paul had much work to do at Ephesus. He saw the need of these disciples of John. He knew they should have the Holy Spirit. He gave them teaching. He laid his hands on them and prayed for them.

Acts 19:6:

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them.

What happened after these disciples learned about the Holy Spirit and Paul prayed for them? _____

12. The Holy Spirit came on them. This was wonderful! You remember what happened on the Day of Pentecost. Now the Holy Spirit was showing that these disciples in Ephesus were also part of the church.

Acts 19:6-7:

and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve of them in all.

How did the Holy Spirit show that he came on them and made them part of the church?

13. They spoke with tongues and prophesied. Paul helped these disciples very much. He showed them that Jesus had come and the Holy Spirit had come.

What two things were done to them after Paul helped them.

(1) They were baptised in the name of Jesus.

(2) _____

14. The Holy Spirit came on them. Sometimes people understand only part of God's message. They understand that he has great power. Or they understand that he is the great judge. They do not understand that he came to earth in Jesus. They do not understand that he will come and live in each of us.

After Paul helped the disciples of John in Ephesus, what two things were done to them?

(1) _____

(2) The Holy Spirit came on them.

15. First they were baptised in the name of Jesus. They understood from John the Baptist that Jesus was coming. They understood from Paul that Jesus had come. They also understood something else.

What is the second thing that happened to them? _____

16. The Holy Spirit came on them. Maybe you are a preacher or teacher. You are teaching people about God. Perhaps your knowledge is not full. Perhaps you lack power in your work for God.

Stop now and pray about this. Ask God to show you where your message may not be full. Ask him to help you make it full.

17. After Paul helped the disciples of John in Ephesus, what two things happened to them?

(1) _____

(2) _____

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DAY 3: SOME PEOPLE USED THE NAME OF JESUS CARELESSLY

Acts 19:11-16

1. Missionary Paul saw many great things happen.

After he helped the disciples of John in Ephesus, what two things happened to them?

(1) _____

(2) _____

2. The disciples were baptised in the name of Jesus. And the Holy Spirit came on them. People could see the power of God. God used Paul to do miracles. Then seven sons of a Jewish priest tried to drive out evil spirits in the name of Jesus. This is what we will learn:

When the sons of Sceva used the name of Jesus carelessly, the man with the evil spirit wounded them.

Take your Bible now and read Acts 19:11 to 16. Read verse 12 again. What came out of the people who were healed by the power of God thorough Paul at Ephesus?

3. The evil spirits came out of them. God was doing wonderful things through Paul. The sick were healed. The evil spirits came out of them. Some were healed as cloths were carried from Paul to sick people. Then some men tried to do the miracles Paul was doing.

Acts 19:13:

Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists (or men who went about trying to cast out evil spirits) undertook to pronounce the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches."

Whose name did these men try to use to drive out evil spirits? _____

4. They tried to use the name of Jesus. But they did not know Jesus. They were not his followers. They were only pretending. They wanted power, but they did not receive Jesus as their Saviour.

Acts 19:14:

Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this.

Whose sons used the name of Jesus carelessly? _____

5. They were the sons of Sceva. They were trying to drive out evil spirits. Evil spirits were a problem to the people. They would come into people and live there. They would make people do things they did not want to do. People near us sometimes complain about evil spirits.

After the sons of Sceva saw the miracles of Paul, how did they try to drive out the evil spirits?

6. They tried to use the name of Jesus. But they did not know Jesus. They were not true disciples. They tried to command the spirits by the Jesus whom Paul was preaching. It seems they saw the miracles but did not listen to the teaching.

Acts 19:15:

But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"

Since they did not really know Jesus, were they using the name of Jesus wisely or carelessly?

7. They were using it carelessly. They did not know what they were doing.

Acts 19:16:

And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, mastered all of them, and overpowered them, so that they fled out of the house naked and wounded.

Who wounded the sons of Sceva? _____

8. It was the man with the evil spirit. He was only one man. The sons of Sceva were seven. The evil spirit gave the man much power. He overcame all of them. These seven sons learned a hard lesson. They were sons of a priest. They thought they were good. They saw Paul. They thought they could use power and faith he used.

Can we use the faith of our parents or pastors to do the work of God? _____

9. We cannot use the faith of others. We must believe in God ourselves. We must learn his promises. We must pray to him. We must obey him. Then he will give us power to work for him.

What happened to the sons of Sceva when they used the name of Jesus carelessly?

10. The man with the evil spirit wounded them. He said that he knew Jesus and he knew Paul. But he did not know these men. This reminds us of the words written by James.

James 2:19:

You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe -- and shudder (or shake in fear).

From this verse, do the devil and evil spirits know about God and his power?

11. They know about him. They fear him. They must obey when someone with the power of God commands them. But we cannot play with the power of God. We cannot buy it for ourselves. We remember what happened to Simon the sorcerer when he tried to buy God's power. Peter told him that his heart was not right with God.

What happened to the sons of Sceva when they used the name of Jesus carelessly?

12. The man with the evil spirit wounded them. There are many important lessons in this for us. Think about what the sons of Sceva did. Think about what happened.

Write one thing which this lesson teaches you for your life. _____

13. Be ready to share your answer in class.

What happened to the sons of Sceva when they used the name of Jesus carelessly?

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DAY 4: THE PEOPLE BURNED THEIR MAGIC BOOKS

Acts 19:17-22

1. Yesterday we saw that the sons of Sceva used the name of Jesus carelessly. What happened to the sons of Sceva when they did this? _____

2. The man with the evil spirit wounded them. He overcame all seven of them. This showed the people that they should not be careless about the name of Jesus. They saw that they should follow him fully. They should not try to follow Jesus and Satan too. Today we will learn:

- (1) When the people of Ephesus saw what happened to the sons of Sceva, they burned their books of magic.
- (2) This helped the growth of the church as we see in Acts 19:20: So the word of the Lord grew and prevailed mightily.

Take your Bible now and read Acts 19:17-22. In verse 17, who heard about what happened to the sons of Sceva? _____

3. The people of Ephesus heard it. It was both the Jews and the Greeks. It was the believers and unbelievers. Everyone began to fear the power of God.

Acts 19:17:

and fear fell upon them all; and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled (or praised).

What made the people fear God and praise the name of Jesus? _____

4. They heard what happened to the sons of Sceva. Everyone began to praise the name of Jesus. But those who truly believed did something more. They began to look at their lives. They saw that they had things which were not pleasing to God.

Acts 19:18:

Many also of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging (or telling) their practices.

Who confessed that they were using magic and then burned their books of magic? _____

5. The believers did this. They were getting a better understanding now. They were beginning to have true knowledge of God. They saw that they could not follow Jesus and magic too.

Acts 19:19:

And a number of those who practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all.

What did the people burn so they would not be tempted to use them again?

6. They burned their books of magic. Perhaps they also had medicines and things to wear to protect them from evil spirits. Some people around us still use magic. They ask much money for medicines which they have prepared. They ask even more money for the secrets of how to make these medicines.

Acts 19:19:

and they (the believers in Ephesus) counted the value of them (the books) and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver.

Your teacher will help you find how much this is in your money.

When the believers of Ephesus burned their magic books, did they love God more, or their money more?

7. They loved God more. They were willing to lose much money in order to follow God. They were growing in their understanding of God's will.

What did the believers in Ephesus do when they saw what happened to the sons of Sceva?

8. They burned their magic books. Some people today still trust in magic and the power of Satan. They still put things in their houses to protect themselves. Or they wear things to give them power. Perhaps you thought this is good. Perhaps you did not understand that this takes us away from trusting Christ.

If people have things like this, what do you now think they should do with them?

9. Perhaps you wrote "Throw them away" or "Bury them" or "Burn them." One man in our village threw his magic things into the river. Another man down the river picked them up. He began to use them.

What did the believers in Ephesus do when they saw what happened to the sons of Sceva?

10. They burned their magic books. They had a great fire in front of all the people.

Do you think this helped the church to grow, or stopped it from growing? _____

11. The Bible says it helped the church. The people saw the power of God. They saw what happened when people used the name of Jesus carelessly. They saw how those with books of magic burned them.

Acts 19:20:

So the word of the Lord grew and prevailed mightily (or overcame with power).

When the believers burned their books of magic, what did this help the word of God and the church to do? _____

12. It helped them to grow. Again we see the church in the book of Acts growing quickly. The believers obeyed God. God showed his power. More people became believers. This is what God wants to happen to the church. Look at this verse again.

Acts 19:20:

So the word of the Lord grew and prevailed mightily.

Take time to memorise this verse now. When you know it, write it here.

Acts 19:20: _____

13. It is God's will that the church should grow. It should grow in numbers of people. It should grow in power. When we obey God and trust the Holy Spirit, God works through us. God worked through Paul and other believers.

What did the believers in Ephesus do when they saw what happened to the sons of Sceva? _____

14. They burned their books of magic. This is why God sent missionaries to them.

Acts 26:18:

to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God.

What did the burning of the books of magic do to the growth of the church?
Answer by saying Acts 19:20 to yourself.

15. Acts 19:20 says: **So the word of the Lord grew and prevailed mightily.**

The church grew. Many more people believed. This is what God wants today. Sometimes we just try to keep our churches alive. We think it is good if the same people come each Sunday. This is not enough. We should be bringing more people in. We should be going out to those who do not know Christ. We should be sending missionaries to those in darkness.

Is your church growing? _____

How many people came to your church on Sunday morning one year ago?

How many people came to your church last Sunday? _____

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16. Be ready to talk in class about this. Tell why you think your church is growing or not growing.

What did the believers in Ephesus do when they saw what happened to the sons of Sceva?

What did this do to the growth of the church? Answer by writing Acts 19:20.

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DAY 5: PAUL WAS IN DANGER AT EPHESUS

Acts 19:23-41

1. What did the believers in Ephesus do when they saw what happened to the sons of Sceva?

What did this do to the growth of the church? Answer by writing Acts 19:20.

2. The believers in Ephesus burned their books of magic. Look in your Bible to see if you wrote Acts 19:20 right. Keep your Bible open.

This is not the end of what happened in Ephesus. Because many people believed, the worshippers of the old god became afraid. The men who made images of the old god became angry. They had a great meeting to fight against Paul. We will learn it this way:

- (1) Demetrius and other workmen in Ephesus were angry with Paul because they were afraid they would lose money.
- (2) From this we see that we must sometimes face danger when we preach the truth.

In your Bible now read Acts 19:23 to 32. Read verse 24 again. What things did Demetrius make and sell?

3. Demetrius made little temples of silver. They were for the god of the Ephesians. This god was called Artemis or Diana. People worshipped her by committing adultery and doing magic. Artemis was a false god. People stopped worshipping her when they became Christians.

Acts 19:24-25:

Demetrius ... brought no little business to the craftsmen (or workmen). These he gathered together, with the workmen of like occupation (or the same work) and said, "Men, you know that from this business we have our wealth (or money).

Whom did Demetrius gather together in Ephesus? _____

4. He gathered the workmen together. These were the men who made little silver temples. They got their money by making things for their god and selling them to the people. The workmen were afraid of losing money. Demetrius said to them:

Acts 19:26:

You see and hear that not only at Ephesus but almost throughout all Asia this Paul has persuaded and turned away a considerable company (or big group) of people.

In what city were Demetrius and the other workmen angry with Paul? _____

5. This was in Ephesus. It was where Paul had done miracles and the sons of Sceva were wounded. It was where the believers burned their books of magic. Demetrius said more to the workmen.

Acts 19:26:

this Paul has persuaded and turned away a considerable company (or big group) of people, saying that gods made with hands are not gods.

With whose preaching were the workmen angry because they would lose money?

6. They were angry with Paul's preaching. They talked about why they were angry.

Acts 19:27:

And there is danger not only that this trade (or work) of ours may come into disrepute (or not be wanted any more) but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis may count for nothing.

What were the workmen afraid of losing for themselves if people stopped worshipping Artemis?

7. They were afraid of losing money. These men were helping the people to worship a false god. Paul later wrote about false gods to the Corinthians.

I Corinthians 10:20:

I imply (or mean) that what pagans (or unbelievers) sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God.

Who in Ephesus were afraid of losing money because of Paul's preaching? _____

8. It was the workmen. They made things for the false god of the Ephesians. People try to pray in different ways. In our villages in Nigeria some people still do not believe in Christ. They build special houses for the spirits and gods of the village. Some people have medicine and little gods tied on their bodies. Some have images of gods in their houses. The images are blessed by the magician. He makes sacrifices of chickens or goats. The people pay him for this. The Christians are sometimes persecuted.

Why were Demetrius and other workmen in Ephesus angry about the preaching of Paul?

9. They were afraid they would lose money. So they made trouble for Paul and his helpers. Let me tell you something which happened near my home. One village had a chief who hated Christians. One day he fell and was injured. The people who were not Christians were afraid. But the Christians carried the chief for two days to bring him to the hospital. They helped him with food and took care of him there. They told him about Jesus. The chief accepted Christ as his Saviour. The Christians were glad they had been patient in times of persecution.

Who must sometimes face danger when they preach the truth?

10. Christians must do this. They must be willing to face danger. The chief near us got well and went back to his village. He still had medicines in the little spirit house. He did not use them but he was afraid to burn them. His daughter was a Christian and one night she burned them. The village elders were very angry. They were afraid the gods would come and punish them. They were afraid they would lose money. They would no longer get goats and chickens for making sacrifices. This was something like when Paul was in Ephesus.

Why were Demetrius and other workmen in Ephesus angry about Paul's preaching?

11. The workmen in Ephesus were afraid they would lose money. The elders in our village were afraid of this too. They became so angry they refused to help the chief rule the people. Finally the chief called the missionary and the pastor to help him explain to the elders. What a meeting it was! There was much shouting and noise. The chief kept saying, "Take the other things. I want Jesus." Finally we came out of the house. We found that the Christians had been in the church praying for their chief while he was in danger.

Must Christians sometimes face danger when they preach the truth? _____

12. Christians must sometimes face danger. This is hard. Perhaps Paul sometimes felt like stopping. But he did not stop preaching the truth. The truth about God and Christ made people stop worshipping other gods. They stopped buying images and little temples of the god, Artemis. The workmen in Ephesus were losing money. They were afraid they would not be able to live and feed their families. When many people became Christians it changes villages and cities. We must help people live in a new way. But we must not stop preaching the truth, even when people become angry.

We must sometimes face danger when we preach what? _____

13. We must do this when we preach the truth. Demetrius wanted to make trouble for Paul. He told the other men they were losing money. He told them their god would no longer be known. People would not buy the things they made. They would not have a way of getting money. They must get rid of Paul. What was Paul doing that made them bring danger to him? _____

14. Paul was preaching. He was preaching the truth about God and Christ. The workmen listened to what Demetrius said. They believed it. They were ready to bring danger to Paul. They began running and calling other people. As they ran through the city others joined them. Many did not know what was happening.

Acts 19:29:

So the city was filled with confusion, and they rushed together into the theater, dragging with them Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who were Paul's companions in travel.

What must we sometimes face when we preach the truth? _____

15. We must sometimes face danger. This was a time of danger in Ephesus. The chief of the town heard the noise. He came to see what was going on. He made the people become quiet. He was afraid the Roman soldiers would come and punish them. God was using the chief to help Paul.

Why were Demetrius and other workmen in Ephesus angry about the preaching of Paul? _____

16. They were afraid they would lose money. They made great trouble in the city of Ephesus. Paul wanted to go out and talk to them. But the other Christians would not let him. If he had gone he might have been killed. The chief told the workmen that if they had problems, they could go to court.

Acts 19:41:

And when he had said this, he dismissed the assembly (or meeting).

What must we sometimes face when we preach the truth? _____

17. We must sometimes face danger. God helps us when we are in danger. Sometimes he works through people to help us. These people may not know they are helping us, like the chief of the city of Ephesus. Others know they are helping us because they love us.

Perhaps you have been in danger because of preaching the truth. Be ready to tell the class what happened. How would you help another Christian if he was in danger for preaching the truth? _____

18. We will talk about this in class.

Why were Demetrius and other workmen in Ephesus angry about the preaching of Paul?

From this, what do we see that we must sometimes face when we preach the truth?

The Third Missionary Journey

