

WEEK 8: PAUL IN PRISON IN JERUSALEM

DAY 1: THE JEWS LIED ABOUT HIM

Acts 21:27-40

1. Last week we saw how Paul finished the third missionary journey. He finally arrived in Jerusalem.

Write two reasons why Paul went into the temple and obeyed some of the Jewish laws.

(1) _____

(2) _____

2. Paul did this because the leaders of the church asked him to. He did not want to drive away new Jewish believers. And he wanted to be able to lead Jews to Jesus. But trouble was waiting for Paul. The prophecies of Agabus and others were fulfilled. Paul was arrested when he came out of the temple. Many lies were said about him. You will write two of these at the end of the lesson.

- (1) They said he was teaching against the Jews.
- (2) They said he was teaching against the law.
- (3) They said he brought Gentiles into the temple.
- (4) They said he made the temple unclean.

God allowed Paul to be arrested so he could witness in a special way.

Take your Bible now and read Acts 21:27-36. Read verse 27 again. Who stirred up the people?

3. It was Jews from Asia. They had been making trouble in Ephesus. Now they stirred up people to make trouble in Jerusalem.

Acts 21:28:

crying out, "Men of Israel, help! This is the man who is teaching men everywhere against the people and the law and this place.

Who did the Jews from Asia say was teaching men against the Jewish people?

4. They said Paul was doing this. But Paul was a Jew. He loved his people. He wrote about his people in the letter to the Romans.

Romans 9:3:

I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen by race.

What was the first thing the Jews said Paul was teaching against?

(1) _____

(2) They said he was teaching against the law.

5. First they said he was teaching against the Jewish people. They also said he was teaching against something else.

Acts 21:28:

This is the man who is teaching men everywhere against the (Jewish) people and the law and this place.

What was the second thing they said he was teaching against? _____

6. They said Paul was teaching against the law. The law was very important to the Jews. When Paul talked about the law, this is what he said.

Galatians 3:24:

the law was our custodian (or keeper) until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith.

Did Paul teach that the law was good or that it was bad? _____

7. Paul taught that it was good. But the Jews did not understand what Paul was saying about the law. They said he was a bad man. They caught Paul and tried to kill him.

What is the second lie the Jews said about Paul when they caught him?

(1) They said he was teaching against the Jewish people.

(2) _____

(3) They said he brought Gentiles into the temple.

8. They said Paul was teaching against the law. They also said he brought Gentiles into the temple. In the temple there were special places for people. Gentiles could not go into the inner rooms of the temple. There were signs on the walls which said that no Gentile could go inside. The signs said that if Gentiles went inside, they would be killed. The Asian Jews thought Paul brought Gentiles inside.

Paul was trying not to drive away new Jewish Christians. He was doing what the leaders of the church asked him to. Do you think he would now take Gentiles into the temple? _____

9. I do not think he would do this. He was not trying to make trouble. He was trying to bring peace.

Acts 21:29:

they (the Asian Jews) had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, and they supposed that Paul had brought him into the temple.

Had the leaders of the church asked Paul to go to the temple with Gentile men or Jewish men? _____

10. They asked him to go with Jewish men. That is what Paul did. He went with four Jews. He took offerings from all of them. He was obeying Jewish laws, but the Asian Jews told lies about him.

Acts 21:28:

moreover he also brought Greeks (or Gentiles) into the temple, and he has defiled (or made unclean) this holy place.

What is the third lie the Jews told about Paul when they caught him?

- (1) They said he was teaching against the Jewish people.
 - (2) They said he was teaching against the law.
 - (3) _____
 - (4) They said he had made the temple unclean.
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11. The Jews said Paul had brought Gentiles into the temple. This would make the temple unclean. The temple was a holy place. It was God's house. God had said that the Jews should separate themselves from the Gentiles.

The Jews said Paul had made the temple unclean, but what had Paul gone into the temple to do? _____

12. Paul had gone into the temple to obey the laws. But the Jews thought he brought Gentiles in. They were angry about this. It was like when a chief dies in our part of Nigeria. Women are not allowed to go to the burial. They are not allowed to come near the place. People think they would make the place unclean.

What place did the Jews think Paul had made unclean? _____

13. They thought he had done this to the temple. If a woman goes to a chief's burial, the men are very angry with her. She has made the place unclean. They tell her she will get sick and die. The whole village is upset because of what was done.

Acts 21:30:

Then all the city was aroused, and the people ran together; they seized Paul and dragged him out of the temple.

What is the fourth lie the Jews told about Paul?

- (1) They said he was preaching against the Jewish people.
 - (2) They said he was preaching against the law.
 - (3) They said he brought Gentiles into the temple.
 - (4) _____
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14. They said he had made the temple unclean. So they tried to kill him. But God was not ready for Paul to die. He caused the Roman soldiers to come and stop the Jews. The soldiers arrested Paul. They put chains on him. This was hard, but it was what God planned. God allowed it because He wanted Paul to witness in a special way.

Did God still have work for Paul to do? _____

15. God still had work for Paul. Later Paul wrote to the Philippians from prison.

Philippians 1:12:

I want you to know, brethren, that what has happened to me has really served to advance (or push forward) the gospel.

What did God allow the soldiers to do to Paul so he could witness in a special way? _____

16. God allowed the soldiers to arrest Paul. Paul witnessed to everyone in Jerusalem because of his arrest. Later he was taken to Rome and he wrote:

Philippians 1:13:

it has become known throughout the whole praetorian guard (or among all the soldiers) and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ.

Why did God allow Paul to be arrested in Jerusalem? _____

17. This was so that Paul could witness in a special way.

Write two lies the Jews said about Paul when he was arrested in Jerusalem.

(1) _____

(2) _____

18. They said he was preaching against the Jewish people; he taught against the law; he brought Gentiles into the temple; and he made the temple unclean.

Why did God allow Paul to be arrested in Jerusalem? _____

19. God did this so Paul could witness in a special way. Later Paul could see that this difficult thing was good. He wrote:

Philippians 1:14:

most of the brethren have been made confident in the Lord because of my imprisonment, and are much more bold to speak the word of God without fear.

Think of something hard which has come in your life. Perhaps you were lied about or beaten. Thank God for the good he has brought or will bring from this problem.

20. Write two lies the Jews said about Paul when he was arrested in Jerusalem.

(1) _____

(2) _____

Why did God allow Paul to be arrested in Jerusalem? _____

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DAY 2: PAUL WITNESSED TO THE PEOPLE

Acts 22:1-29

1. Perhaps you were once in a hard place. You did not know what to do or what would happen. Paul was now in chains. He was a prisoner. He could not plan missionary journeys now.

Write two lies the Jews told about Paul when he was arrested in Jerusalem.

(1) _____

(2) _____

Why did God allow him to be arrested? _____

2. They said he taught against the Jewish people; he taught against the law; he brought Gentiles into the temple; and he had made the temple unclean. None of these things were true. But God allowed Paul to be arrested so he could witness in a special way. Today we will see how this began to happen. As the soldiers were taking Paul, he spoke to them. He asked to talk to the people. He stood on the steps of the prison.

(1) They listened when Paul told how meeting Jesus had changed him.

(2) They became angry when he said that God had sent him to the Gentiles.

Take your Bible now and read Acts 22:1 to 8. Read verse 1 again. What did Paul call those he was speaking to? _____

3. He called them "brethren and fathers." Paul loved his people. He wanted them to know about Jesus.

Acts 22:2:

And when they heard that he addressed them in the Hebrew (or Jewish) language, they were the more quiet.

What did the people do to Paul when he began to speak about how Jesus changed him? _____

4. They listened. They were quiet. The prisoner saw a wonderful chance to witness for Jesus. He spoke to the people in their own language. He told how he had first tried to serve God. He had persecuted the Christians. He told how he met Jesus on the way to Damascus. He told how he was changed.

Who was arrested and told how he was changed when he met Jesus? _____

5. Paul did this. He told what happened on the way to Damascus. He told how he was changed to being a Christian himself.

Acts 22:7-8:

And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' And I answered, 'Who are you, Lord?' And he said to me, "I am Jesus of Nazareth whom you are persecuting."

Paul said he was changed when he met whom?

6. Paul said he met Jesus. He told how he was baptised and became a follower of Jesus.

Was Paul the same or changed after he met Jesus? _____

7. Paul was changed. Ananias helped him receive his sight.

Acts 22:14:

And he said, 'The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to see the Just One (Jesus) and to hear a voice from his mouth.'

When Paul was arrested in Jerusalem what did he tell that made the people listen?

8. He told how he was changed when he met Jesus. He told how he persecuted the Christians. He told how he saw the light on the way to Damascus. He told how he became blind. Then he told how Ananias helped him. Ananias told him what his new work would be.

Acts 22:15:

you will be a witness for him to all men of what you have seen and heard.

To whom was Paul talking when he told how he was changed when he met Jesus?

9. He was talking to Jews in Jerusalem. They had just tried to kill him. The Roman soldiers saved Paul and then put chains on him. Paul asked to speak to the people.

What did Paul tell that made the people listen? _____

10. He told how he was changed when he met Jesus. He told how Jesus later appeared to him in the temple.

Acts 22:21:

And he said to me, 'Depart; for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.'

To whom was Paul sent, which made the Jews in Jerusalem angry? _____

11. Paul was sent to the Gentiles. God had planned this from the beginning. He wanted His word to come to the Gentiles through the Jews. God wanted to save the whole world. But the Jews did not agree to this.

Acts 22:22:

Up to this word they listened to him (Paul); then they lifted up their voices and said, "Away with such a fellow from the earth! For he ought not to live."

How did the Jews feel when Paul said he was sent to the Gentiles? _____

12. They became angry. Paul had a wonderful testimony. The people listened as he told how he was changed when he met Jesus. Then Paul told what Jesus said to him. He must go and witness to the Gentiles. There was no more listening!

Acts 22:23-24:

And as they cried out and waved their garments and threw dust into the air, the tribune (or head soldier) commanded him to be brought into the barracks (or house of the soldiers).

Who became angry when Paul said that God had sent him to the Gentiles? _____

13. It was the Jews in Jerusalem. People do strange things when they are angry. Some are very quiet and refuse to talk. Some start fighting. These people were so angry they shouted that Paul should be killed.

Acts 22:24:

the tribune (or head soldier) ... ordered him to be examined by scourging (or beating), to find out why they shouted thus against him.

What did Paul say that made the Jews in Jerusalem angry? _____

14. He said that God had sent him to the Gentiles. The Jews had been taught not to mix with Gentiles. Gentiles were unclean. They worshipped idols. The Romans who ruled the Jews at this time were Gentiles. The Jews hated them and wanted to overcome them.

When Paul was arrested in Jerusalem, what did he tell that made the people listen at first? _____

15. He told how he was changed when he met Jesus. In our village in Nigeria there is a time when a certain spirit is remembered. Many people fear this spirit. Women and children must run and hide. Men give gifts so the spirit will make their wives and children obey. One day the spirit was sent to spoil the crops of a certain widow. This widow had been telling others about Jesus. The pastor went to help the widow. Other men began to beat the pastor. They shouted, "Where is your Jesus? Why is He not helping you now?" The pastor said quietly, "I love my Jesus. I will do anything for Him. He died for me and for you too." When the men heard this they were ashamed and went away. This pastor was something like Paul.

What did Paul say that made the Jews in Jerusalem angry?

16. Paul said that God had sent him to the Gentiles. God still sends people today. He called Paul by a light and voice. He called him through another Christian. He called him through Paul's own thoughts and the needs of others. God wants to call us. We must be ready and listening for His call.

Has God called you to His work? _____

If God calls you to those who are hated by your people, what will you do? _____

17. When Paul was arrested in Jerusalem, what did he tell that made the people listen?

What did Paul say that made the Jews in Jerusalem angry? _____

WEEK 8: PAUL IN PRISON IN JERUSALEM
DAY 3: PAUL WAS SORRY FOR SPEAKING WRONGLY
Acts 22:20 - 23:10

1. We see that Paul was now in a hard place. But he used the trouble to help him witness.

When Paul was arrested in Jerusalem, what did he tell that made the people listen? _____

What did Paul say that made the Jews in Jerusalem angry? _____

2. Paul told the Jews how he was changed when he met Jesus. They became angry when he said that God had sent him to the Gentiles. The head of the soldiers had Paul beaten. The next day he was tried by the Jewish Council. He spoke strong words to the high priest. We can learn from what happened.

(1) In front of the Jewish Council, Paul showed that he was sorry when he saw he had spoken wrongly to the high priest.

(2) We too should show we are sorry when we have done wrong to others.

Take your Bible now and read Acts 22:30 to Acts 23:10. Read verse 30 again. Who came to accuse Paul? _____

3. The chief priests and the council were brought. If they had been left to themselves, they would have killed Paul. But God used the Romans to save him. Paul was tried before the Jewish council. Jesus was tried by this council too. The high priest commanded someone to strike Paul on the mouth. Jesus too was struck in this way.

Acts 23:3:

Then Paul said to him, "God shall strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting to judge me according to the law, and yet contrary to (or against) the law you order me to be struck?"

Who spoke in a wrong way to the high priest? _____

4. Paul spoke in a wrong way. What the high priest did was wrong. Paul knew that the law did not allow this. But Paul answered in a very different way from Jesus. See how Jesus answered when He was struck.

John 18:23:

Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, bear witness to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly why do you strike me?"

To whom did Paul speak in a wrong way? _____

5. Paul spoke wrongly to the high priest. But he did not know it was the high priest who had commanded him to be struck. Paul knew it was wrong to speak in this way to the high priest.

Acts 23:5:

And Paul said, "I did not know, brethren, that he was the high priest; for it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.'"

What did Paul say to show that he was sorry for what he had done? _____

6. Paul said, "I did not know that he was the high priest." Paul saw that he had made a mistake. He did not just leave it. Paul agreed that he had done wrong. He repeated the law which showed that he had done wrong.

When Paul said that he did not know he was the high priest, what did he want to show? _____

7. He wanted to show that he was sorry. Paul had begun his speech by saying that he lived well before God. It was then the high priest commanded someone to strike him. This was very wrong. But Paul answered wrongly too. Perhaps he was angry about what had happened.

Do you have trouble with becoming angry? _____

8. Paul spoke hard words to a man in the council. He did not know he was the high priest. Someone pointed out his mistake to him. Paul agreed that he had done wrong. Perhaps Paul could not see the high priest well. They were not meeting in their usual place. Perhaps this is why Paul made the mistake.

In front of the Jewish council, what did Paul do when he saw he had spoken wrongly to the high priest? _____

9. Paul showed that he was sorry. He knew the law of Moses very well. This is what the law said.

Exodus 22:28:

You shall not revile God, nor curse a ruler of your people.

Many times people say bad things about leaders. What do you think people should do instead of this? _____

10. Be ready to talk about this. People should pray for their leaders. They should speak to them about things which are not going well. But they should not speak evil of them.

In front of the Jewish Council, what did Paul do when he knew he had spoken wrongly to the high priest? _____

11. He showed that he was sorry. A few years ago in one of our meetings a quarrel arose. Pastor Zachaeus who had finished Bible School was chosen to be the area chairman. Pastor Daniel was older and he was jealous. He thought he should be chairman. He got up and began to talk against Pastor Zacchaeus. Both men became very angry. Many bad things were said. After some hours of talking and praying both realized they had done wrong. They stood up and said they were sorry. Then we could go on with the meeting. Later the men worked together very well.

What did these men show when they saw they had done wrong?

12. These men showed that they were sorry. At another time there was a meeting among the women. The same kind of argument arose. This time no one said she was sorry. The meeting ended in anger. Even to this day, one of the women has not shown that she is sorry. She has moved away, but she has never asked for forgiveness.

When should we show that we are sorry? _____

13. We should show this when we have done wrong. Sometimes we do wrong to others. We may be angry. Or we may not have understood like Paul. Paul answered with strong words. Jesus answered with soft words.

What should we do when we have done wrong to others? _____

14. We should show that we are sorry.

In front of the Jewish Council, what did Paul do when he saw he had spoken wrongly to the high priest?

15. Paul showed that he was sorry. Then he went on to speak about the resurrection of the dead. This caused a division in the council. Some of the men believed in resurrection and some did not. They began to quarrel among themselves.

Acts 23:10:

And when the dissension (or argument) became violent (or dangerous), the tribune (or head soldier), afraid that Paul would be torn in pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him by force from among them.

What should we do when we see that we have done wrong to others? _____

16. We should show that we are sorry. The high priest did wrong to Paul. But this did not give Paul room to do wrong. As Christians, we will sometimes have wrong done to us. We will be tempted to be angry. We must not do wrong like those who persecute us. If we fail, we must show that we are sorry.

It may be that days of persecution are coming for us. We must be prepared for them. Your people need this teaching from Paul. Prepare a sermon to preach from this lesson. On another paper write the big things you will say. Preach the sermon if you can. Bring your paper to class

17. In front of the Jewish Council, what did Paul do when he saw he had spoken wrongly to the high priest? _____

What should we do when we see that we have done wrong to others? _____

WEEK 8: PAUL IN PRISON IN JERUSALEM
DAY 4: THE LORD ENCOURAGED PAUL AND US

Acts 23:11-22

1. We have seen that God allowed Paul to be arrested in Jerusalem. Paul used this time to witness in a special way. He told the people how he was changed by Jesus.

In front of the Jewish Council, what did Paul do when he saw he had spoken wrongly to the high priest? _____

What should we do when we see that we have done wrong to others? _____

2. Paul showed that he was sorry. We too should show that we are sorry. By this time Paul may have been discouraged. Many hard things had happened. But the Lord Jesus encouraged Paul. He said that as Paul had spoken for him in Jerusalem, he would do the same in Rome. The Lord's words to Paul teach us three things:

- (1) He cares about our present troubles.
- (2) He knows our past.
- (3) He will guide our future.

Take your Bible now and read Acts 23:11 to 22. Read verse 11 again. Who stood by Paul in the night? _____

3. The Lord did this. He visited Paul in the night. He told him not to be discouraged. The Lord knew all that was happening. He knew how Paul felt.

Acts 23:11:

the Lord stood by him and said, "Take courage ..."

Does the Lord Jesus care or not care about our present troubles? _____

4. The Lord cares about our present troubles. Paul had finished two very hard days. The Jews had almost killed him outside the temple. No friend from Jerusalem seemed to be helping him. The Romans had arrested him. He had been tried by the Jewish Council. He had been struck on the mouth. He had spoken wrongly to the high priest. He was in chains and in prison. He must have thought he had failed to give the gospel in Jerusalem.

If you were in Paul's place, would you need someone to care about your troubles? _____

5. We often need someone to care about our present troubles. Paul must have felt badly as he lay down that night. His wounds hurt. The chains were heavy. He did not know what would happen tomorrow. But the Lord came to him that night.

The Lord not only cared about the past and the future. What did the Lord care about for Paul?

6. The Lord cared about his present troubles. When someone is in trouble near our home, we go to visit him. We sit and talk with him. We try to help carry his burden. Sometimes we take a little food to show that we care.

The Lord knew how Paul felt. He said, "Take courage." This was like saying, "Do not be afraid, Paul. Be strong. I know what is happening."

When someone is having trouble, do you try to go to him while he is having trouble, or do you wait until the trouble is over?

7. We go while he is having trouble. We want him to know we care about what is happening to him now. Someone gets sick. We care what happens. We go to see him. Sometimes others in the village do not care. They do not visit or try to help him. It does not seem that many people tried to help Paul. But the Lord came and said, "Take courage."

What is the first thing we learn from this?

- (1) _____
 - (2) He knows our past.
 - (3) He will guide our future
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8. The first thing we learn is: The Lord cares about our present troubles. But the Lord cares about something else. He knows our past. He knows what we have done for Him.

Acts 23:11:

the Lord stood by him and said, "Take courage, for as you have testified about me at Jerusalem ..."

From these words of Jesus, what had Paul done at Jerusalem? _____

9. At Jerusalem, Paul had testified about Jesus. Paul must have been happy to hear these words. The Lord knew what had happened. He knew that Paul had tried to speak to Him. He knew everything that had happened to Paul in Jerusalem. The Lord knows our past. This is the second thing we learn from the Lord's visit to Paul.

What is the first thing we learn? _____

10. First we learn that the Lord cares about our present troubles. Then we learn that the Lord knows our past. Paul had been working for God for many years now. He had made three missionary journeys. He had met many troubles. He had planted many churches.

Did God know what Paul had done for Him in the past? _____

11. God knew all about Paul. His words teach us that He knows the past.

Write some things the Lord knew about the past in Paul's life. _____

12. You could answer with many things. The Lord knew about the journeys and the preaching and the suffering. He knew about the people who had received Christ. He knew about the churches which had been planted. Now Paul was in prison in Jerusalem. The Lord encouraged him.

What is the second thing we learn from the Lord's words to Paul?

(1) He cares about our present troubles.

(2) _____

(3) He will guide our future.

13. The Lord knows our past. He will also guide our future. God had not forgotten Paul. He had great plans for him. He still had great work for Paul to do.

Acts 23:11:

as you have testified about me at Jerusalem, so you must bear witness also at Rome.

Where would God lead Paul to witness in the future? _____

14. He would lead Paul to witness at Rome. Rome was the centre of the world at that time. It was the most important city. Paul wanted very much to go to Rome. He wanted to take the good news there. Here he was in prison. It did not look as if he would get to Rome. But now Paul was being told that he would witness in Rome!

Who cares about our present troubles, knows our past, and will guide our future?

15. This is the Lord. It is Jesus or Christ. Sometimes we think we have not done anything. We do not see many people receiving Christ. We are discouraged when people do not believe. Paul once wrote these words to the Christians in Corinth.

I Corinthians 15:58:

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding (or growing) in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

What is the third thing we learn from the Lord's words to Paul?

(1) The Lord cares about our present troubles.

(2) He knows our past.

(3) _____

16. He will guide our future. The Lord has good things planned for us. Some may be hard. Some may be easy. We can trust God to work through us as we obey.

When you plant seed, you do not know how much fruit it will bear. You plow the earth. You take out the weeds. God sends the rain and sunshine and makes the fruit grow. This is also true in our Christian lives.

I Corinthians 3:6:

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

From the Lord's words to Paul in prison in Jerusalem, what do we learn?

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) The Lord will guide our future.

17. We learn that He cares about our present troubles. And He knows our past.

I have two pastor friends who have had difficult times. Both became blind at about the same time. One said, "I will go and sit in my house and pray. When the Lord is ready, He will heal me." The other said, "If the Lord wants me to stumble around and witness, I will do so." He had learned to read special books with his fingers. He has also learned to type and do other things.

From the Lord's words to Paul, what is the third thing we learn? _____

18. The Lord will guide our future. We can trust Him. He does not want us to sit and do nothing. He wants us to believe He is doing good things in our lives. Perhaps you are discouraged today. Take courage with Paul. Surely this visit of the Lord helped Paul. It helped me very much as I wrote this lesson.

Take time now to think about your life. Think about these questions but do not write answers. Is your life hard just now? Can you thank God for your present troubles? Do you believe He knows your past? Will you trust Him to guide your future? Pray now about these things.

19. From the Lord's words to Paul in prison in Jerusalem, what do we learn?

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

WEEK 8: PAUL IN PRISON IN JERUSALEM
DAY 5: REVISION

For the past three weeks you have studied Paul's third journey. You have also studied his visit to Jerusalem. You have only two more weeks to go in the book of Acts. Keep on working well.

Today we will go over what you have learned in Weeks 6 to 8. Try to answer every question. Do not look back for answers until you have written on every line. Then find the answers. Cross out any answer you may have wrong. Write the correct answer above yours.

Questions from Week 6.

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

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

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

(1) _____

(2) _____

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

5. 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. ____

6. 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?

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Questions from Week 7.

7. After the danger at Ephesus on the third journey, what did Paul do to the churches in Macedonia and Greece?

(1) _____

(2) _____

8. In Paul's farewell to the elders of Ephesus, what does he teach us is more important than saving our earthly lives?

9. In Paul's farewell to the elders of Ephesus, what did he tell them to do?

(1) _____

(2) _____

What did Paul say would build them up and give them inheritance? _____

10. Because he was sure of God's leading, what did Paul do when many people warned him of trouble in Jerusalem? _____

11. Write two reasons why Paul went into the temple and obeyed some of the Jewish laws.

(1) _____

(2) _____

Questions from Week 8.

12. Write two lies the Jews said about Paul when he was arrested in Jerusalem.

(1) _____

(2) _____

13. Why did God allow Paul to be arrested in Jerusalem? _____

14. When Paul was arrested in Jerusalem, what did he tell that made the people listen? _____

What did Paul say that made the Jews in Jerusalem angry? _____

15. In front of the Jewish Council, what did Paul do when he saw he had spoken wrongly to the high priest? _____

What should we do when we see that we have done wrong to others? _____

16. From the Lord's words to Paul in prison in Jerusalem, what do we learn?

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

When you know all these answers, go back to pages 70 and 118. Hide the answers you have written. Try to answer all the questions.

You have been preparing to send missionaries from your church. We hope you have now found missionaries to send and a place to send them. Their leaving will be a very important time in your church. Remember how the church at Antioch sent out Paul and Barnabas.

Acts 13:3:

Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

Missionaries should be sent with the blessing of the church. They should know that the church is praying for them and ready to help them. It is good to have a special meeting to send the missionaries out.

It is time now to plan such a meeting for your missionaries. Others will help you plan this meeting. But you write what you think could be used for each part of the meeting.

Date of the meeting. _____

Songs to sing about doing God's work.

(1) _____

(2) _____

Bible verses to read. _____

Subject of the sermon to be preached. _____

Special time of prayer for the missionaries. How this will be done. _____

Offering for the needs of the missionaries. How this will be used. _____