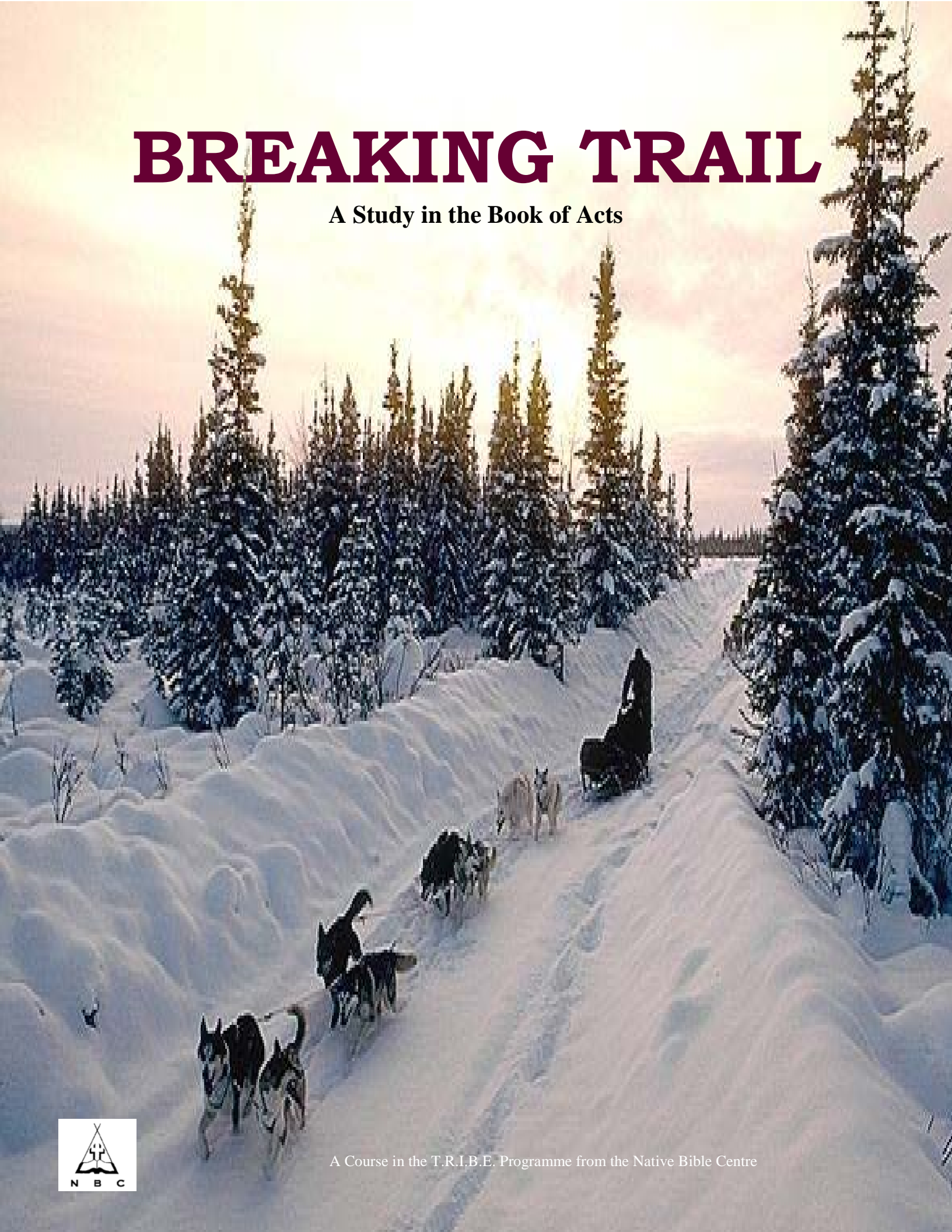


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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to this self-study course on *Breaking Trail – A Study in the Book of Acts*. The idea of someone "breaking trail" is that he is going ahead where no one else has been. The book of Acts is about the beginning of the church and its early growth. It is the story of the church "breaking trail" – going to people and places where the Gospel had never been before.

The required textbook for the course is *The Ongoing Church* by G. I. Harlow.

There are twelve lessons in this study. Each lesson has five sections:

1. Chapters to Read. (From the book of Acts and the Textbook)
2. A Verse to Memorize.
3. Questions to Answer. (These are taken from the textbook "Now Test Yourself" sections.)
4. Projects to Do.
5. A Summary of the Chapters.

If possible, you should meet with your study leader after doing each lesson and go over the material you have covered.

There are two tests that should be taken. One test will come after you have completed lessons 1-6. The final test will cover lessons 7-12.

If you are taking this course for credit, the tests should be sent to the Native Bible Centre for correction. The cost for credit for any T.R.I.B.E. course is \$5.00.

We trust you will enjoy this study and that it will help you grow in your walk with the Lord. God bless you as you begin *Breaking Trail*.

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LESSON ONE

CHRIST SENDS THE HOLY SPIRIT

CHAPTERS TO READ

1. Acts, Chapters 1 and 2
2. The Ongoing Church –
Chapter 1
(Pages 7-19)

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

1. Who saw the Lord Jesus after He rose from the dead?

2. Who did the Lord tell the apostles to wait for in Jerusalem? _____

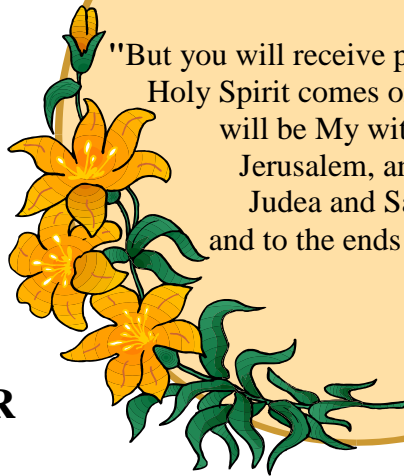
3. What was more important for the disciples than knowing when Christ would set up His kingdom on earth? _____

4. How many apostles returned to Jerusalem after the Lord went to heaven? _____

A VERSE TO MEMORIZE

ACTS 1:8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."



5. The apostles drew lots to determine whom God wanted to take Judas' place. Should Christians use this method to find God's will today? _____

6. Who preached to the many visitors who were in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost?

7. What Old Testament prophet had prophesied that the Holy Spirit would come upon all God's people? _____
8. To whom did God show, in Old Testament times, that Christ would rise again? _____

9. Where is the Lord Jesus now? _____
10. What four things helped the new believers to continue to follow the Lord?
- a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____

PROJECTS TO DO

Project Number One – Background

Answer the following questions to find the background for the book of Acts.

You can find this material in a Bible Dictionary, Study Bible or Bible Handbook.

1. Who wrote the book of Acts? _____
2. Why was the book of Acts written? _____

3. When was the book of Acts written? _____

4. Why is this book called "Acts"? _____

Project Number Two - Tongues

In three chapters in the book of Acts, *speaking in tongues* is mentioned. Read these Bible passages carefully; one is Acts 2, another is Acts 10. (You can find the third passage where tongues are mentioned in Acts by using a concordance.) Find what the word "tongues" means. Use a concordance for this, also. (You may use other study helps as well.)

1. The three places in Acts where "tongues" is mentioned are _____

2. The meaning of the word "tongues" in Acts is _____

3. Verse On Tongues

Teaching, Thought or Idea

4. In your own words, summarize why God gave the gift of tongues in Acts, chapter two.

(See also 1 Corinthians 14:22)

Project Number Three - Telling Others

Your memory verse is Acts 1:8. This verse makes it clear that Christians have the responsibility of telling others the Good News about Jesus Christ. This is one of the responsibilities God has given you! You also have the Holy Spirit to help you in your witnessing to others about Christ. Spend time this week praying for someone you know that is not a Christian. Plan to talk to that person this week and tell them what God has done for you. Be prepared to show them how they also can become a Christian.

This week I am going to pray for (and talk to) ... _____

The verses I would use to lead a person to Christ are _____

A SUMMARY OF THE FIRST TWO CHAPTERS OF ACTS

1 Jesus Christ was on earth for forty days after His resurrection. He taught His followers about the kingdom of God and prepared them for His ascension. After Christ returned to heaven, His disciples returned to Jerusalem. Here they met together for prayer. They also asked God to choose a man to take Judas's place.

2 Ten days after Jesus went back to heaven the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles as Jesus had promised. This happened on the Jewish feast day, called Pentecost. Pentecost was celebrated fifty days after Passover. This coming of the Holy Spirit was the beginning of the church. Peter preached a sermon on this day, and many people were saved.



LESSON TWO

THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM

CHAPTERS TO READ

1. Acts 3:1 – 5:11
2. The Ongoing Church - Chapter 2 (Pages 21-30)

A VERSE TO MEMORIZE

ACTS 4:12

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

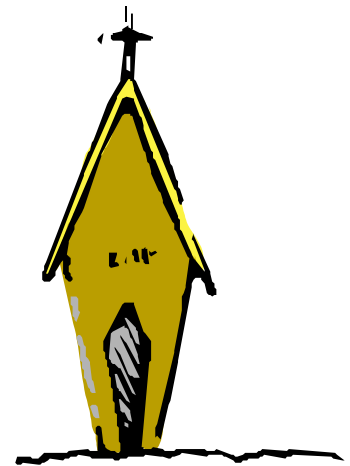
1. What gave Peter the opportunity to speak to a large group of people a second time?

2. Peter said the Jews killed the Lord Jesus. What did he mean? _____

3. Moses had told the people that God would raise up another prophet like himself. Who was this prophet? _____
4. True or False? The Pharisees did not believe in resurrection. _____
5. What was the Sanhedrin? _____

6. Who enabled Peter to answer the leaders without fear and showed him what to say?

7. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Chief Cornerstone of what building?



8. Did the apostles obey the Jewish leaders who had commanded them not to preach anymore about Christ?

9. Miracles were performed in the early church. What did they prove?

10. Why were Ananias and Sapphira judged so severely?



PROJECTS TO DO

Project Number One

Reaching Out

Look back at your first memory verse (Acts 1:8). This verse gives an outline for the book of Acts. The outline could look like this:

THE CHURCH BREAKING TRAIL

- I. In Jerusalem (Acts 1-7)
- II. In Judea And Samaria (Acts 8-12)
- III. To The Ends Of The Earth (Acts 13-28)

Apply this verse to your own situation. Where is your "Jerusalem"?

What are some things your local fellowship could be doing to *BREAK TRAIL* with the Good News of Jesus Christ in your area?

(Think of at least two different things and write them here.)

1. _____

2. _____



Begin a plan of sharing the Good News in your area!

Project Number Two

First Sins

Notice the first recorded sins of the church in Acts 5:1-11. The love of recognition and money led Ananias and Sapphira to lie about their gift to the church. Notice also that giving a false impression to the apostles was the same as lying to the Holy Spirit.

Name some sins today that can lead to the downfall of a local fellowship.

Spend some time in prayer, asking God to help you see areas in your life where you need to be completely honest with Him (and yourself).

A SUMMARY OF CHAPTERS THREE AND FOUR IN ACTS

3

One day on the way to the Temple, Peter and John healed a crippled beggar in the name of Jesus. This caused much excitement among the people. It gave the apostles another opportunity to tell the people about Jesus Christ.

4

The Jewish religious leaders were not happy with the teaching of Peter and John. They had the apostles arrested. At a meeting of the Jewish officials, Peter told them where he got the power to heal and to preach. The council tried to stop Peter and John from preaching anymore.

There was much sharing among the believers. The needy among them were taken care of by this sharing of belongings.

LESSON THREE

THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (Continued)

CHAPTERS TO READ

1. Acts 5:12 – 7:59
2. The Ongoing Church –
Chapter 3 (Pages 31 –46)

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER



1. What did the apostles do after the angel brought them out of prison?

2. Was it true that the apostles wanted to make the priests responsible for Christ's death?

3. Give the name of the man who kept the members of the Council from killing the apostles right away. _____
4. How did the apostles feel after they had been beaten and set free? _____

5. What two languages were spoken in the church at Jerusalem? _____

6. How did the apostles stop the grumbling of the Greek-speaking Jews? _____

7. The Jewish temple was in Jerusalem, but there were also many synagogues in the city.
True or False? _____

8. Was the Jews' accusation of Stephen true?

9. Name two people who were sold for money by their jealous enemies.



10. Name one way that Moses was a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ.

PROJECTS TO DO

Project Number One

Signs And Wonders

Read Acts 5:12 again. The apostles were performing many signs and wonders. No doubt you have heard of people trying to do the same thing during our time.

Read Hebrews 2:3,4; 2 Corinthians 12:11,12; Romans 15:18,19 and Ephesians 2:20. From these verses write a summary of **why** God gave these signs and wonders. Then write a paragraph stating your views on whether we should be looking for signs and wonders today. (Give verses to back up your view.)

A. Why did God give signs and wonders? _____

B. Should we be looking for signs and wonders today? _____

PROJECT NUMBER TWO

Israel's History

Stephen gave a speech in Acts 7. Two main ideas can be found in his speech. One main idea is that **throughout Israel's history, God sent people to help them.** Israel rejected these deliverers. The second main idea is that **the Israelites thought God dwelt in a temple.**

Read through Acts 7 again. This chapter gives a good overview of the history of Israel. Write short sentences that give the history of Israel from these verses (7:2-53).

(The first one is done for you. You may need more lines.)

1. God told Abraham to leave Mesopotamia and follow Him. (Acts 7:2, 3) _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

11. _____

12. _____

A SUMMARY OF CHAPTERS FIVE, SIX AND SEVEN IN ACTS

5 Ananias and Sapphira lied about a gift they gave to the church. God punished them for this sin. The apostles continued to perform many signs and wonders in the name of Jesus. A Pharisee named Gamaliel counseled the religious leaders not to kill Peter and the apostles. Instead, they beat them and released them. They told them to stop preaching. The apostles went on their way, continuing to teach about Jesus Christ

6 The church continued to grow. The apostles saw the need for help in serving the church. Seven men were chosen to help in the giving out of food. Stephen was one of the men chosen. He was soon accused of speaking against the law and the temple. He was brought before the Sanhedrin for trial.

7 Stephen defended himself before the Sanhedrin. He gave an overview of God's dealing with Israel up until the coming of Jesus. He accused them of murdering the Son of God. Upon hearing this, they led Stephen out of the city and stoned him.

LESSON FOUR

PHILIP AND SAUL

CHAPTERS TO READ

1. Acts 8 and 9
2. The Ongoing Church –
Chapter 4 (Pages 47 – 58)

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

1. Who led the persecution of the church after Stephen's death?

2. The persecution of the Christians made them obey what command of the Lord Jesus?

3. Philip and Stephen had been chosen for what special work? _____

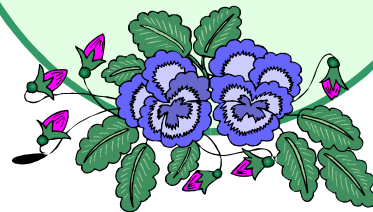
4. Who were the people of Samaria? _____

5. Who preached the Gospel in Samaria before Philip?

A VERSE TO MEMORIZE

ACTS 8:34, 35

"The eunuch asked Philip, 'Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?' Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus."



6. Name the two apostles who went to visit the new believers in Samaria.

7. The Lord was blessing Philip's preaching in Samaria. Why then did Philip suddenly leave to go to Gaza?

8. Who was Saul, and who was his teacher?

9. Where did Saul preach the Gospel first?

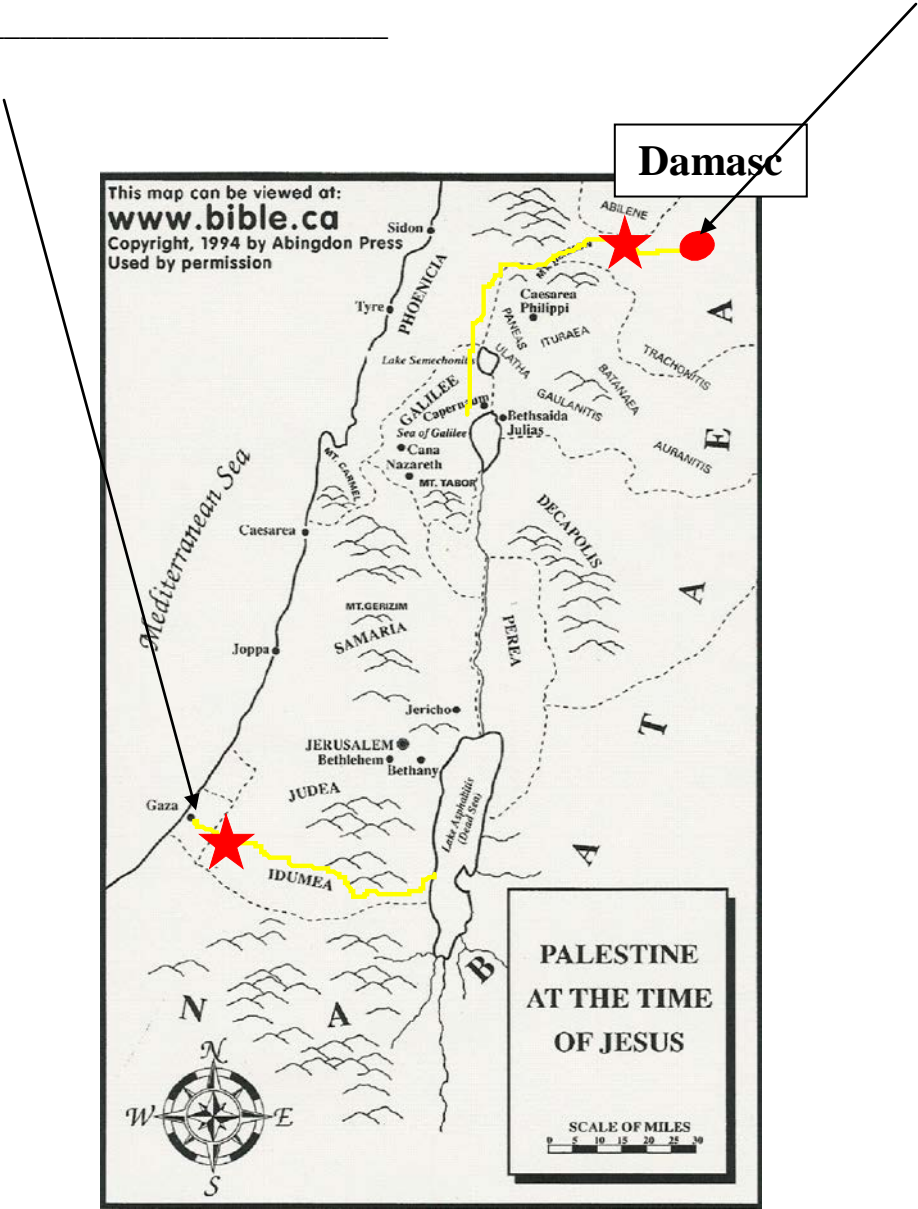
10. How did the Christians in Jerusalem receive Saul after he became a Christian?

PROJECTS TO DO

Project Number One – Map (Acts 8 and 9)

The map on the following page has lines for you to describe what happened in the locations indicated by stars. Write references from Acts 8 or 9 and a brief summary of what happened in those places.



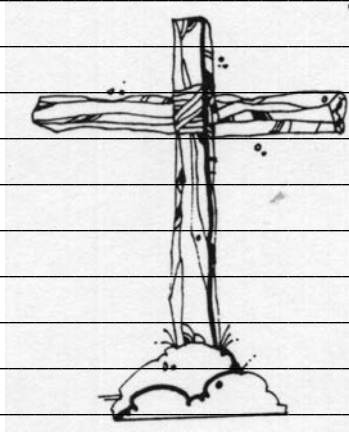


PROJECT NUMBER TWO

Your Personal Testimony

Saul became a Christian! He met the Lord in a remarkable way. (Saul was Paul's Hebrew name. It was not unusual for a Jew who grew up away from Israel to have a Hebrew name as well as a Roman name. Saul's Roman name was Paul.)

Use the space below to write your testimony of how you came to know the Lord as Savior.



Read Acts 26. In this chapter you will find Paul giving his testimony before King Agrippa. Telling others how you became a Christian can be an effective method of reaching others with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Take the opportunity this week to tell someone, or a group, how you became a Christian

A SUMMARY OF CHAPTERS EIGHT AND NINE IN ACTS

8

Saul began a severe persecution of Christians in Jerusalem. This caused many Christians to leave the city. Philip (one of the seven chosen to help distribute food) went to Samaria to preach the Gospel. He was then sent to meet the Ethiopian official who was returning home from Jerusalem.



9

Saul went to Damascus to persecute the Christians there. On the way he met the Lord Jesus Christ. Blinded from this meeting, he was led to Damascus. Here he was healed of his blindness and baptized. He began immediately to preach about Jesus. Peter performed miracles in Lydda and Joppa.

LESSON FIVE

PETER AMONG GENTILES & IN PRISON

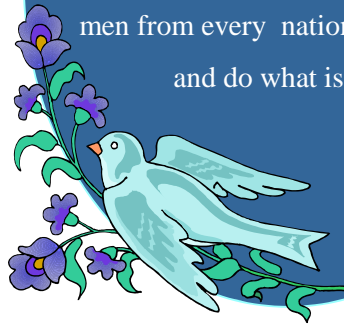
CHAPTERS TO READ

1. Acts 10-12
2. The Ongoing Church –
Chapter 5 (Pages 59-73)

A VERSE TO MEMORIZE

ACTS 10:34, 35

"Then Peter began to speak:
'I now realize how true it is that God
does not show favoritism but accepts
men from every nation who fear Him
and do what is right.'"



QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

1. Why did Peter need a special message from the Lord to make him willing to go to Cornelius' house? _____
2. Peter saw all kinds of animals in the vision. Why did he call some of them unclean?

3. What was the important meaning of Peter's vision? _____

4. Why did Peter not want Cornelius to fall down before him? _____

5. Why did Cornelius have a vision from God? _____

6. Many of the Jewish believers in Jerusalem thought that Gentile Christians should be circumcised. Were they right? _____

7. There were only believing Jews in the church at Antioch. True or False? _____



8. What did the believers in Antioch do when they heard that those in Judea might be in need because of the famine? _____

9. Name two men who were a great help when the church began at Antioch.

10. God delivered Peter from prison in answer to the prayers of the believers. This shows that he always saves the lives of his servants. True or False? _____

PROJECTS TO DO

PROJECT NUMBER ONE – Three Steps Of Bible Study

Do the three steps of Bible study in Acts 10:34-48.

1. OBSERVATION (What does it say?)

Name each person mentioned in these verses.



List all the key words. _____

List any words that are new to you. _____

Other observations you may have. _____

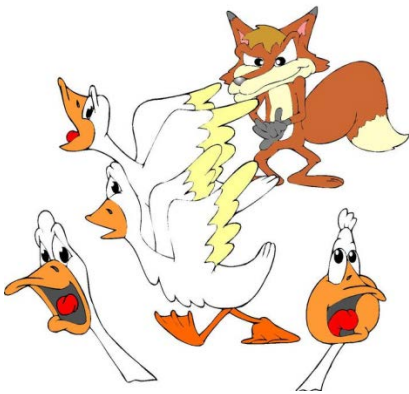
INTERPRETATION (What does it mean?) Find the meaning of any words that are new to you. (Use a concordance to find the meaning of key words.)

Read about any people or places mentioned in these verses, using a Bible dictionary or encyclopedia.
(Write your notes here.)

What teachings, ideas or principles are given in these verses? _____

Other notes about "What does it mean?" _____

APPLICATION (What does it mean to me?)



Is there a sin in this passage that I should avoid?

Is there a command to obey? _____

Is there an example to follow?

Is there a promise to claim? _____

Is there an attitude for me to change? _____

What does this passage teach me about God, Christ or the Holy Spirit? _____



PROJECT NUMBER TWO– Reaching Out

The church began to reach out beyond Jerusalem. The Gospel was taken to Judea and Samaria as well. Remember the outline from Acts 1:8.

The Church Breaking Trail

I. In Jerusalem (Acts 1-7)

II. In Judea And Samaria (Acts 8-12)

III. To The Ends Of The Earth (Acts 13-28)



In applying this verse (Acts 1:8), what area would you consider "Judea and Samaria" for your fellowship? _____

What are some things your fellowship could do to ***Break Trail*** with the Gospel in this area? What can you do as a fellowship (or as an individual) to help reach your "Judea and Samaria" with the Good News of Jesus Christ?

A SUMMARY OF CHAPTERS 10, 11 AND 12 IN ACTS

10

Jewish believers learn that God loves the Gentiles and wants them saved also. Cornelius (a Gentile) and his friends receive the Gospel and are baptized.

11

Peter explains his vision and defends his actions to the Jewish believers in Jerusalem. The followers of Christ are first called Christians at a new church in Antioch.

12

King Herod begins to persecute the believers. Peter escapes. Herod dies because he does not give praise to God. Even though there is persecution, the word of God continues to increase and spread.

LESSON SIX

THE FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY AND THE COUNCIL

CHAPTERS TO READ

1. Acts 13-15
2. The Ongoing Church –
Chapter 6 (Pages 74-90)

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

1. Who sent Barnabas and Saul to do their special work? _____

2. Paphos was a city in Pisidia. **TRUE**

FALSE

3. What was the name of the first man who tried to oppose the Gospel on this trip? _____

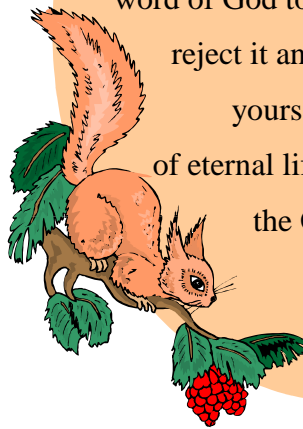
4. Each time Paul and Barnabas went to another city, where did they go first? Why?

5. Who stirred up the Gentiles against the apostles in Iconium? _____

A VERSE TO MEMORIZE

ACTS 13:46

"Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: 'We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles.'"



6. In which city did the Jews make plans to stone Paul and Barnabas? _____

7. In Acts we read about two crippled men who, through a miracle, were able to walk again.
Where did they live and through whom did the miracle take place? _____

8. What did Paul and Barnabas do when they returned to Antioch in Syria? _____

9. Why did Paul and Barnabas go to Jerusalem? _____

10. Who brought the letter from the Jewish believers in Jerusalem to Antioch, and how was the
letter received? _____



PROJECTS TO DO

PROJECT NUMBER ONE -

Map Of Paul's First Missionary Trip

On the map below arrows are pointing to two places visited on Paul's first missionary trip. Write a summary of what happened in those places in the box connected to them.



PROJECT NUMBER TWO

Missionary Principles

This trip is known as Paul's first missionary journey. There are a number of principles, or ideas, for missionary work to be noted from this first trip. See how many of these principles you can find. (From Acts 13-15) Write the references and the principles for missionary work on the lines below. (One is done for you as an example.)



1. Acts 13:4 The Holy Spirit set apart the missionaries through a local church.

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PROJECT NUMBER THREE

Church Business Meetings

Acts chapter 15 tells about a church business meeting.

What was the **reason** for this church business meeting? _____

What **rules** can you find that helped make the meeting a successful one? (An example is given for you.) 1. Acts 15:7 - Much discussion was allowed.

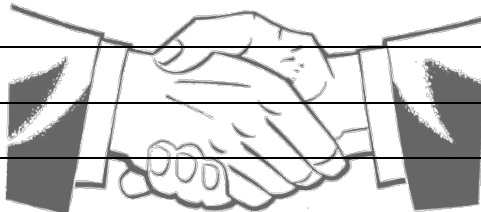
What was the **result** of this church business meeting? _____

Churches today still have business meetings. Have you attended a church business meeting?

YES

NO

What rules do you think would help your church business meetings be successful?



A SUMMARY OF THE CHAPTERS

13

The church in Antioch sent Paul, Barnabas and John Mark on a missionary journey. They went to the island of Cyprus and to Asia Minor. They preached to the Jews first and then to the Gentiles. The Jews, for the most part, rejected the Good News, while the Gentiles received it gladly. John Mark did not complete the trip. On this trip, the Jews persecuted Paul and Barnabas.

14

The missionary trip continues in this chapter. Paul and Barnabas preach the Gospel in Iconium, Lystra and Derbe. The Jews stir the people up against Paul and Barnabas. Paul is stoned and left for dead. He recovers and they continue to preach and teach. On the way back to Antioch they visit the people who have become Christians. Paul and Barnabas report to the church in Antioch everything that happened on their trip.

15

A church business meeting is held in Jerusalem. The main item of business was the question of Christians needing to keep certain Jewish laws in order to be saved. Led by the Holy Spirit, the men at the meeting agree that salvation is only through faith in Jesus Christ. Keeping the Old Testament Law was not necessary for salvation.

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

MID-TERM TEST (Covers Lessons 1-6)

1. Write from memory, Acts 1:8.

2. What four things helped the new believers to continue to follow the Lord? (Acts 2)

3. What was the Sanhedrin? _____

4. Who wrote the book of Acts? _____

5. What did the miracles performed in the early church prove? _____

6. How did the apostles stop the grumbling of the Greek-speaking Jews? _____

7. Who led the persecution of the church after Stephen's death? _____

8. Who were the people of Samaria? _____

9. What was the important meaning of Peter's vision? _____

10. Name two men who were a great help to the church in Antioch at the beginning.

11. Who sent Barnabas and Saul on their special work? _____

12. In what city did the Jews make plans to stone Paul and Barnabas? _____

13. Why did Paul and Barnabas go to Jerusalem after their first missionary trip? _____

14. What personal, and practical, lessons have you learned so far in your study of the Book of Acts? _____

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LESSON SEVEN

THE BEGINNING OF PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

CHAPTERS TO READ

1. Acts 15:36 – 16:40
2. The Ongoing Church
Chapter 7 (Pages 91-99)

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

1. Why did Paul and Barnabas not travel together any more after the first missionary journey?

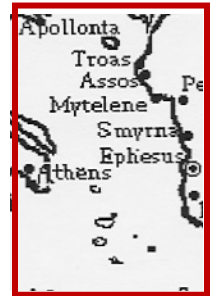
2. Who was Timothy? _____

3. Why did Paul want Timothy to be circumcised? _____



4. What caused Paul and those with him to go to Macedonia? _____

5. Who joined Paul, Silas and Timothy at Troas? How do you know?



6. Give the name of:

A. The first city in Macedonia where Paul and his companions brought the gospel?

B. Give the name of the first person who became a Christian there.

7. We do not read that Paul preached to crowds in this city. Why were Paul and Silas put into prison? _____

8. How did Paul and Silas act in prison? What was the result? _____

9. Why were the Roman officials afraid when the police officer told them Paul's words in Acts 16:37? _____

10. Where did Paul and his companions go after they left Philippi? _____



PROJECTS TO DO

PROJECT NUMBER ONE

Philippian Background Study

Suppose you were studying the book of Philippians. You would want to know as much about this city and how the church began as you could find. From Acts 16:11-40 find all the information you can concerning this town and the ministry there. (Give the verse and the information you found in that verse. The first one is done for you.)

1. (Acts 16:12): Philippi was a Roman colony_____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



PROJECT NUMBER TWO

Visions



In Acts 16:9 you read that Paul had a vision. This is not the first time “*visions*” have been mentioned in the book of Acts.

1. Using a Bible dictionary, what is the definition of the word, “*vision*”?

(A *vision* is God revealing some information to a person
by allowing that person to see something.)

2. Which of the following is the reason God gave visions?

(Put a check mark by the correct answer.)

_____ **To build up the person who is receiving the vision.**

_____ **To give new information, or guidance, to the person(s).**

3. When God gave a vision to His people, to what person did He specifically give the vision? You can find this information by using a Bible dictionary. Look up *vision* to find what person received the visions. Check the correct answer.

_____ **A prophet or an apostle.**
_____ **A rabbi or member of the Sanhedrin.**
_____ **Just any ordinary citizen.**

Visions were a way God gave revelation to His people. He gave these revelations through the prophets and the apostles in the early church. Once the New Testament was complete (about 100 AD), the need for this kind of revelation ended. God's people now had the complete Word of God.

4. Do you think God is giving *visions* to His people today? Why, or why not? _____

A SUMMARY OF CHAPTER SIXTEEN

16

Paul began his second missionary journey. Because of the disagreement he had with Barnabas, Paul went on this trip with Silas at Lystra, a young man named Timothy joined them on the trip. The Holy Spirit kept them from going into Asia with the Gospel. Through a vision Paul had at Troas, the Holy Spirit led the group to an area called Macedonia. In the city of Philippi they baptized Lydia and her family. Here they were put in prison for removing an evil spirit from a girl. God delivered them from prison. The jailer became a Christian. He and his family were baptized.

LESSON EIGHT

PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY (CONTINUED)

CHAPTERS TO READ

1. Acts 17:1-18:22
2. The Ongoing Church
Chapter 8 (Pages 101- 109)

A VERSE TO MEMORIZE

ACTS 17:30

“In the past God overlooked
such ignorance, but now He
commands all people
everywhere to repent.”



QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

1. Who stayed on in Philippi to help the new believers when Paul left? _____

2. What was the result of Paul's preaching in Thessalonica? _____

3. Name one thing in which we should follow the example of the Bereans. _____

4. Who followed Paul and his companions to Berea? _____

5. In what city did Paul find an altar on which was written "To the Unknown God"?

6. How did Paul try to reach the people of that city with the Gospel? _____

7. Where did Paul stay when he came to Corinth? _____

8. Did Paul expect his host to pay all his expenses while he was staying with them? _____

9. An important man among the Jews in Corinth believed in Christ. Who was he?

10. What was the vision Paul had in Corinth? _____



Altar "to the unknown god"

PROJECTS TO DO

PROJECT NUMBER ONE

Background Study

Paul later wrote letters to the churches in Thessalonica and Corinth. From the reading in this assignment as well as additional reading in other Bible helps, write a brief background study on each of these two cities.

1. **THESSALONICA:** _____

2. **CORINTH:** _____



Columns of *Temple to Apollo* in ruins in Corinth.

PROJECT NUMBER TWO

Map Of Paul's Second Missionary Trip

- 1) Draw Paul's second missionary trip on the map below.
- 2) Circle the names of the major towns where Paul ministered.
- 3) Write the names of any new people Paul met beside the town where he met them.
- 4) Give the time he spent in the town if that information is given.



PROJECT NUMBER THREE

Making an Impact

Acts 17:6 says, “These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here...” Paul and his company did not try and look for trouble, but because they spoke about Christ boldly, trouble often came upon them. They were not afraid or ashamed to stand up for what was right.

Is your fellowship *making an impact* for Jesus Christ?

What are some things your fellowship could be doing to impact your town for Jesus Christ?

What are some things your fellowship could be doing to impact your country for Jesus Christ?

A SUMMARY OF THE CHAPTERS

17

Paul and his companions went on from Philippi to Thessalonica. From here they went to Berea. Silas and Timothy stayed in Berea while Paul went on to Athens. In Athens, Paul preached on Mars Hill, but few people believed.

18

Paul went on to Corinth where he taught the Word of God for eighteen months. He lived with a Jewish couple named Aquila and Priscilla. At the end of the eighteen months this couple traveled with Paul to Ephesus.

LESSON NINE

PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

CHAPTERS TO READ

1. Acts 18:23 – 21:14
2. The Ongoing Church –
Chapter 9 (Pages 110 – 124)

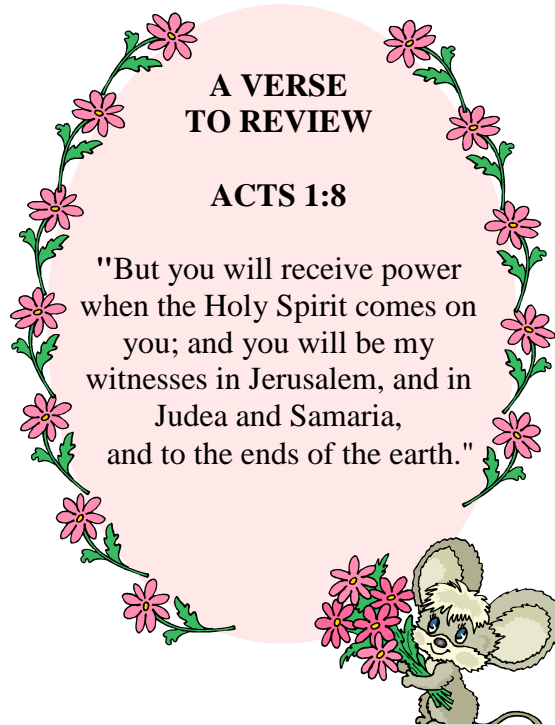
QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

1. What false teaching had the Galatian believers received from Jews coming from Jerusalem? _____
2. What was the name of the preacher from Alexandria?

3. Who received him into their home in Ephesus?

4. What was John's baptism? _____

5. How long was Paul in Ephesus? _____



6. Where did the sons of Sceva live and what did they try to do? _____

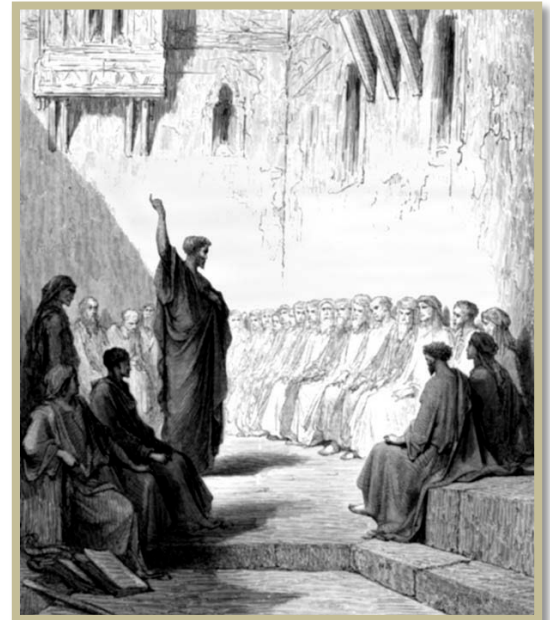
7. Who did Satan use to start opposition to the Gospel in Ephesus? _____

8. Where did Paul preach to the believers from evening until morning? _____

9. How much of the Gospel message had Paul preached to the Ephesians? _____

10. What did Paul feel about the suffering that was waiting for him in Jerusalem? _____

11. Where did Paul want to go at the end of his third missionary journey? _____



Paul Preaching

PROJECTS TO DO

PROJECT NUMBER ONE

Background of Ephesus

From Acts 18 and 19 (as well as other Bible helps), write a brief background of the town of Ephesus and how the church began there.

PROJECT NUMBER TWO

Map of Paul's Third Missionary Journey

Draw a line showing Paul's journey on his third missionary trip.



PROJECT NUMBER THREE

Being On Guard

Read Acts 20:29-31 again.

Paul, the missionary, was leaving. Elders were left in charge of the local fellowship. Paul knew they would face some hard times. What are some of the hard times, *savage wolves* and false teachings your fellowship may face when the missionary leaves?

A SUMMARY OF THE CHAPTERS

19

Paul taught in Ephesus for two years. Many people became Christians. The silversmiths who made idols started a riot against Paul. Their business was hurting because so many people had become Christians. A warning from the town clerk stopped the riot.

20

Paul went to Greece for a short visit. From there he began his trip to Jerusalem. At Troas, Paul (by God's power) brought a young man back to life. The young man had fallen out a window when he fell asleep during a long church service. On his way to Jerusalem, Paul stopped at Miletus and met with the elders of the church at Ephesus. They were sad to see Paul go on to Jerusalem and said they would never see him again.

LESSON TEN

PAUL IN JERUSALEM

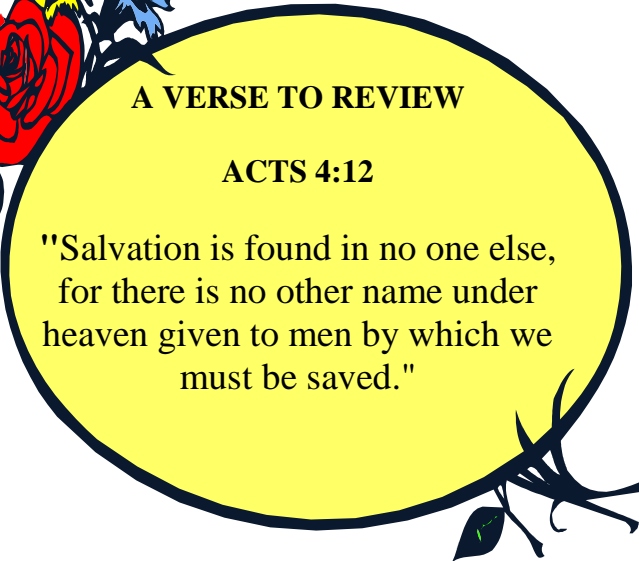
CHAPTERS TO READ

1. Acts 21:15 – 23:35
2. The Ongoing Church –
Chapter 10 (Pages 125-134)



A VERSE TO REVIEW

ACTS 4:12



"Salvation is found in no one else,
for there is no other name under
heaven given to men by which we
must be saved."

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

1. During the early years of the church, Jews stopped obeying the Law of Moses as soon as they became Christians. True or False? _____
2. Why did unbelieving Jews stir up the crowd and grab Paul in the temple? _____

3. Who came to rescue Paul from being killed by the angry crowd? _____

4. How did Paul address this crowd who had nearly killed him? _____

5. Was Paul surprised by the hatred of the Jews? _____

6. Why was the Jewish nation under God's judgment? _____

7. Paul was a Roman citizen as well as a Jew. How did this help him now? _____



Paul in Prison

8. Who encouraged Paul even there in prison? _____

9. How did Paul escape the plot of the Jews to kill him? _____

10. Who was the Roman governor of Judea when Paul came to Caesarea? _____

PROJECTS TO DO

PROJECT NUMBER ONE

Reading On Missions

Reading about the apostle Paul “*breaking trail*” with the Gospel is exciting. The book of Acts is filled with many adventurous stories. Besides these missionary stories in the Word of God, there are many books written today about missionary activity in recent history. For this project, find and read a good book on modern missions. (You can ask a missionary, pastor or Christian worker for ideas on what book to read. You may find these books at a Christian bookstore, church library, in a Christian friend's library or online as an ebook.)

What book are you going to read? _____


PROJECT NUMBER TWO

Religion And Race

Throughout much of the book of Acts you have read about prejudice. Read Acts 22:21, 22. Here you see again that these Jews were very prejudiced against the Gentiles. They could not see how their God could have anything to do with such people.

Write a brief paragraph on how you have seen **prejudice** hinder the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Do you believe it is an advantage for different races, or ethnic groups, to have their own indigenous fellowships? (Tell why or why not.)



A SUMMARY OF THE CHAPTERS

21

Paul visited Christians along the way as he made this final journey to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem a mob formed against Paul because they felt he was teaching against the Law of the Old Testament. Roman soldiers rescued Paul from the mob.

22

Paul told the Jewish mob the story of how he became a Christian. This made these Jews even more upset. The Roman commander ordered Paul to be taken to the barracks where he was to be questioned and whipped. Paul told them he was a Roman citizen so they did not whip him. He was held prisoner and brought before the Sanhedrin.

(This was the highest ruling council of the Jews.)

23

Paul spoke to the Jewish religious leaders. The Sadducees and the Pharisees got into an argument over the resurrection of the dead. The commander ordered Paul taken back to the barracks. While at the barracks, Paul's nephew warned Paul of a plot to take his life. Since Paul was a Roman citizen, the commander delivered him to Governor Felix in Caesarea. There Paul could be kept safe in Herod's palace.

LESSON ELEVEN

PAUL IN CAESAREA

CHAPTERS TO READ

1. Acts 24–26
2. The Ongoing Church
Chapter 11 (Pages 135-143)



A VERSE TO REMEMBER

ACTS 26:28

"Then Agrippa said to Paul,
'do you think that in such a
short time you can persuade
me to be a Christian?'"

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

1. The Jews accused Paul of what three things? _____

2. Were these accusations true? What did Paul think? _____

3. Which Jews had actually started all the trouble in Jerusalem? Were they among Paul's
accusers in Caesarea? _____

4. Name one of the Christians who lived in Caesarea while Paul was a prisoner there.

5. What was Felix's response when Paul preached the Gospel to him? _____

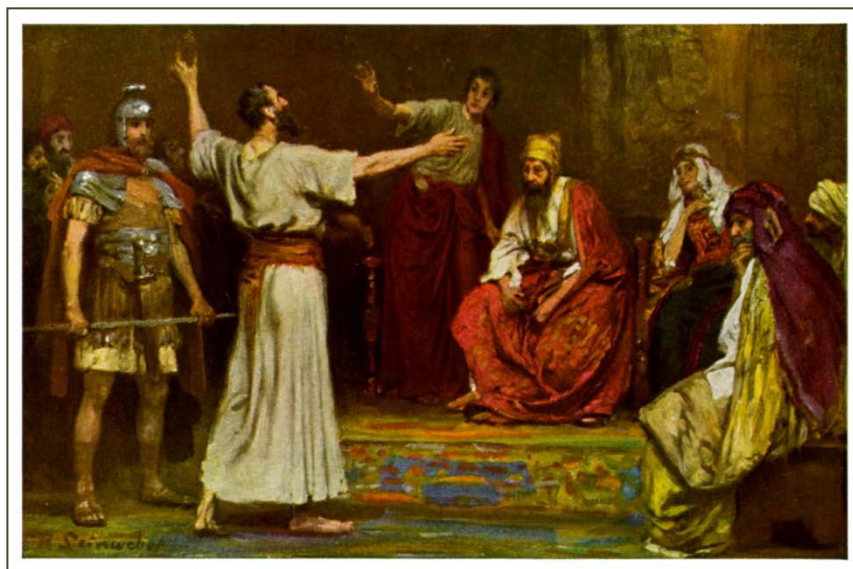
6. What happened to Paul during the next two years and who was with him?

7. What was the name of the governor who took Felix' place? Where did he ask Paul to be tried?

8. What did Paul do so that he might get a fair trial? _____

9. Name two other important people to whom Paul was able to witness about Christ. What prophecy did this fulfill? _____

10. What was the king's opinion of Paul after he heard his testimony? _____



Paul before Felix and King Agrippa

PROJECTS TO DO

PROJECT NUMBER ONE

Almost

King Agrippa said to Paul, “Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?” What are some of the reasons people give for not becoming Christians?

PROJECT NUMBER TWO

Church Growth

These three chapters are focusing on the life of Paul, the missionary. He had left behind the local fellowships of Christians he had helped start. Now he was gone. Think for a while about the fellowships that he started. They were now on their own. Their “missionary” was gone. People in the areas may have been watching these young churches to “see how long this was going to last.”

What **practical** advice would you give a young fellowship today in the following areas:

1. What are some ways the fellowship could reach out to the lost in its community? _____

2. What are some ways the church leaders could continue to train the people of the fellowship?

Get together and discuss what your fellowship **will do** to reach out in your area with the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the next six months.

A SUMMARY OF THE CHAPTERS

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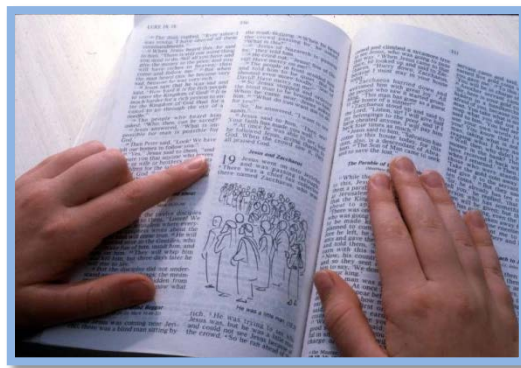
Paul defended himself before Felix, the Roman governor. He also used this opportunity to present the gospel. Felix was convicted, but did not make a decision. Felix was hoping Paul would offer him a bribe.

25

Paul appeared before the new governor, Festus. Festus suggested another trial before the Sanhedrin. Paul, instead, appealed his case to Caesar. Festus had no specific charge against Paul to send along to Caesar, so he asked King Agrippa to help come up with a charge against Paul.

26

Paul gave his testimony before King Agrippa. The king asked Paul if he thought in such a short time he could persuade the king to become a Christian. King Agrippa and Festus could not find Paul guilty of any wrongdoing. They agreed to send him to Caesar.



LESSON TWELVE

PAUL'S JOURNEY TO ROME

CHAPTERS TO READ

1. Acts 27-28
2. The Ongoing Church –
Chapter 12 (Pages 145-153)

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

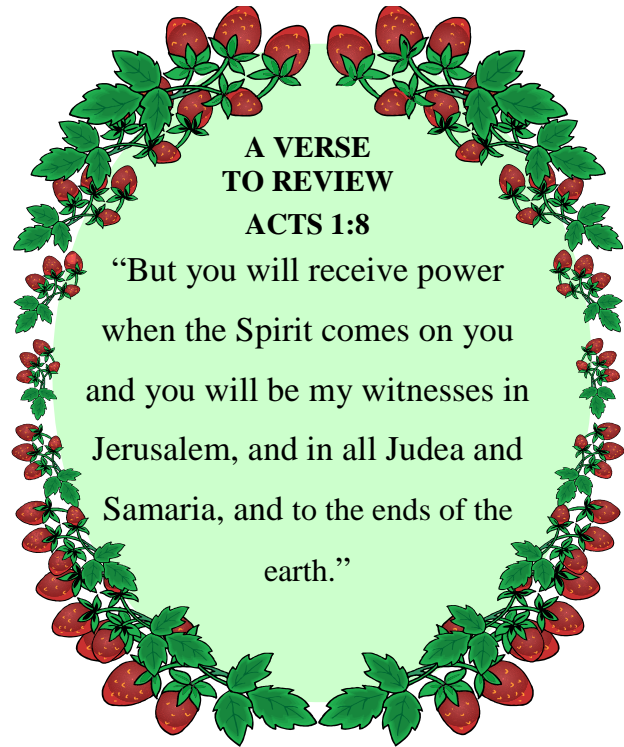
1. Who was in charge of Paul's trip to Rome? _____

2. Name two Christians who traveled to Rome with Paul. _____

3. Why did Paul think the ship should stay in a harbor of Crete until the winter was over?

4. How did Paul know he and the other men would survive this trip? _____

5. What was the name of the island where the people finally went ashore? _____



6. What four things happened on this trip that could have ended Paul's life? _____

7. Name the first place in Italy where Paul and his companions met believers. _____

8. Who started the church in Rome?

9. How did the Jewish leaders in Rome receive Paul's testimony? _____

10. Name two important things Paul did during the next two years in prison. _____



PROJECTS TO DO

PROJECT NUMBER ONE

Reaching Out

Remember the outline from Acts 1:8.

THE CHURCH BREAKING TRAIL

I. In Jerusalem (Acts 1-7)

II. In Judea And Samaria (Acts 8-12)

III. To The Ends Of The Earth (Acts 13-28)

What are some things you and your fellowship could be doing to help take the Good News of Jesus Christ to people of other lands? _____

PROJECT NUMBER TWO

Map Of Paul's Trip To Rome

On the map below, draw a line showing where Paul went on his trip to Rome. Show on your map where the storm and shipwreck took place.



PROJECT NUMBER THREE

Acts – Still Going On

The book of Acts is about the acts of the Holy Spirit. It tells how the early church was *breaking trail* in many areas. Jesus Christ is still building His church. There is still much work to be done. There is still much reaching out to do. After this study in Acts, what do you feel are **your** responsibilities in God's continuing work of *Breaking Trail*?

A SUMMARY OF THE CHAPTERS

27

Paul traveled as a prisoner to Rome by ship. During a severe storm, the ship was wrecked. God sent an angel to tell Paul that he and all the men would survive the shipwreck.

28

For three months Paul and the ship's crew were on the island of Malta. When Paul finally reached Rome he was allowed to live by himself with a soldier to guard him. He lived this way for two years and preached to all who visited him.

NAME: _____ DATE _____

FINAL TEST
(Lessons 7-12)

1. Write Acts 1:8 from memory. _____

2. Write any **one** of your other memory verses from memory. _____

3. Why did Paul and Barnabas go to Jerusalem in Acts 15? _____

4. Why did Paul and Barnabas not travel together any more after their first missionary journey?

5. What was the name of the first city in Macedonia where Paul and his companions brought the Gospel? _____

6. Name one thing in which we should follow the example of the Bereans. _____

7. In what city did Paul find an altar on which was written, "To the Unknown God?"

8. What false teaching had the Galatian believers received from Jews coming from Jerusalem?

9. After the third missionary journey, Paul went to Jerusalem. Why did unbelieving Jews stir up a crowd and grab Paul in the temple? _____

10. Name the king before whom Paul gave his testimony. _____

11. Name two Christians who traveled to Rome with Paul. _____

12. Have you talked to a person (who is not a Christian) about the Lord during this course?

13. What have you decided is your responsibility in reaching your home area, country and the world with the Gospel? _____

14. What is one of the biggest lessons you have learned through this study of the book of Acts?

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