

21. (Week of July 17, 2016)

The Church's Witness to the World:**Jerusalem Council****Acts 15:1–16:5**

Memory Verse: *For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law* (Rom. 3:28 ESV).

Sun: Acts 15:1-6 - What was the issue under debate at Antioch? Why were Paul and Barnabas so concerned?

Mon: Acts 15:7-11 - What are the main points of Peter's speech?

Tue: Acts 15:12-21 - What are the main points of James' speech, and what decision was reached?

Wed: Acts 15:22-29 - Summarize the contents of the letter sent to the new Gentile converts. What lessons can we learn from the Jerusalem Council for dealing with issues in dispute?

Thu: Acts 15:30-35 - What do these verses reveal about the ministry of prophets and teachers in the early church?

Fri: Acts 15:36-41 - What do you think caused this disagreement between Paul and Barnabas? What was the result of their split?

Sat: Acts 16:1-5 - How was Timothy chosen to be part of the missionary team?

22. (Week of July 24, 2016)

The Church's Witness to the World:**Paul's Second Missionary Journey****Acts 16:6–18:22**

Memory Verse: *"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household"* (Acts 16:31 ESV).

Sun: Acts 16:6-15 - How were Paul and his companions led to Macedonia? Describe the beginnings of the Philippian church.

Mon: Acts 16:16-24 - When Christ does battle with Satan, what are the results? Are you ready to suffer for Christ's sake?

Tue: Acts 16:25-40 - How did the Philippian jailor and his family come to faith in Christ? Has your whole family believed?

Wed: Acts 17:1-9 - Describe Paul's evangelistic message and method in Thessalonica. What was the response?

Thu: Acts 17:10-15 - How can we follow the example of the Berean believers?

Fri: Acts 17:16-34 - How did Paul's message in Athens differ from his preaching in the Jewish synagogues? What lessons do you see for our witness today?

Sat: Acts 18:1-22 - Trace step by step the course of Paul's ministry in Corinth. What lessons for our missionaries do you discover here?

23. (Week of July 31, 2016)

The Church's Witness to the World:**Paul's Third Missionary Journey****Acts 18:23–21:16**

Memory Verse: *". . . Testifying both to Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ"* (Acts 20:21 ESV).

Sun: Acts 18:23-28 - Contrast the ministry of Apollos with that of Priscilla and Aquila. How does the Lord want to use you?

Mon: Acts 19:1-10 - What was deficient in the experience of these disciples of John at Ephesus? What was Paul's missionary strategy in Asia?

Tue: Acts 19:11-22 - What was the impact of the gospel on occult practices in Ephesus? Can it have this same impact today?

Wed: Acts 19:23-41 - What was the impact of the gospel on idolatry in Ephesus? Can it have this same impact today?

Thu: Acts 20:1-16 - From Paul's visit to Troas, what picture do you get of an early Christian meeting?

Fri: Acts 20:17-38 - From Paul's example and instruction, what do you learn here about the responsibilities of local church elders?

Sat: Acts 21:1-16 - What examples of Christian hospitality are mentioned here? Why was Paul determined to go to Jerusalem?

24. (Week of August 7, 2016)

The Church's Witness to the World:**Paul's Arrest and Defense in Jerusalem****Acts 21:17–23:35**

Memory Verse: *I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some* (1 Cor. 9:22b ESV).

Sun: Acts 21:17-26 - How is Paul here applying the principle found in I Corinthians 9:19-22? How might we do the same?

Mon: Acts 21:27-39 - Why did the Jews want to kill Paul? What function of civil government is demonstrated here?

Tue: Acts 21:40–22:21 - Outline Paul's testimony. How was what he said particularly fitted to the Jewish audience?

Wed: Acts 22:22-29 - How does Paul take advantage of his Roman citizenship? How can we follow his example as citizens of our nation?

Thu: Acts 22:30–23:11 - Evaluate Paul's conduct before the Sanhedrin.

Fri: Acts 23:12-22 - How do you account for this fanatical hatred of Paul? How is the hand of Providence evident in this passage?

Sat: Acts 23:23-35 - Repeat yesterday's second question.