

01. (Week of February 25, 2018)

Gamaliel; Stephen; Ananias

Memory Verse: *Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.*
1 Tim 1:15b (ESV)

- Sun:** Acts 5:33-40; 22:3 – What kind of person was Gamaliel? What influence did he have on Paul's life?
- Mon:** Acts 6:1-15 – What kind of person was Stephen? How can we follow his example?
- Tue:** Acts 7:1, 54-60; 8:1-3 – How was Paul involved in the martyrdom of Stephen? What impact might this event have had on Paul's life?
- Wed:** Acts 9:1-9 – How did the Lord Jesus demonstrate his grace and glory in the conversion of Paul (Saul)?
- Thu:** Acts 9:10-19 – What kind of person was Ananias? What lessons can we learn from his example about how to follow up new believers?
- Fri:** Acts 22:1-11 – Repeat Wednesday's question.
- Sat:** Acts 22:12-21 – Repeat Thursday's question. Notice that all three of these early influences on Paul's life – Gamaliel (v. 3), Ananias (vv. 12-16), and Stephen (v. 20) – are mentioned in this account.

02. (Week of March 4, 2018)

Barnabas; John Mark

Memory verse: *Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.*
1 Thess. 5:11 (ESV)

- Sun:** Acts 4:32-37; 9:19b-30 – What facts do you learn about Barnabas? How was he shown to be a "Son of Encouragement"? How can you encourage others?
- Mon:** Acts 11:19-30; 12:25 (Acts 12:12) – Repeat yesterday's questions. Who was John Mark?
- Tue:** Acts 13:1-12 – What new ministry did Barnabas and Saul undertake together? How were they prepared for this mission earlier?
- Wed:** Acts 13:13-16, 42-52 – What new role do you see Barnabas taking? What does this change say about his character? Why do you think John Mark left the mission?
- Thu:** Acts 14:1-20 – Repeat yesterday's first two questions. Are you willing to play "second fiddle"?
- Fri:** Acts 14:21-28 – Summarize the results of Paul and Barnabas's first missionary journey. What additional fact about Barnabas do you learn in 1 Corinthians 9:6?
- Sat:** Acts 15:36-41; Col. 4:10; 2 Tim 4:11; 1 Pet 5:13 – Evaluate the break-up of the Paul-Barnabas team. Trace the history of John Mark's relationship to Paul. What encouragements do you find in the outcome of these events?

03. (Week of March 11, 2018)

Peter; James

Memory Verse: *"But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."*
Acts 15:11 (ESV)

- Sun:** Galatians 1:11-24 – Describe Paul's first meeting with Peter and James. What is the point Paul is making in this passage?
- Mon:** Acts 15:1-12 – What was the purpose of the Jerusalem Council? What role did Peter, Paul and Barnabas play in it?
- Tue:** Acts 15:13-21 (1 Cor. 15:7; Acts 12:17) – What facts do you learn about James? What was his role in the Jerusalem Council?
- Wed:** Acts 15:22-35 – What was the final decision of the Jerusalem Council? What lessons can we learn about resolving disagreements among Christians?
- Thu:** Galatians 2:1-10 – In Paul's account of the Jerusalem Council describe the respective roles of Paul, Barnabas, Titus, Peter, John, and James. What was the outcome?
- Fri:** Galatians 2:11-21; 2 Pet. 3:14-16 – Why did Paul rebuke Peter? What was Peter's assessment of Paul's letters?
- Sat:** Acts 21:17-26; James 1:1; Jude 1 – What further facts do you learn about James's role in the early church?

04. (Week of March 18, 2018)

Silas

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

- Sun:** Acts 15:22, 30-41 – What facts do you learn about Silas? Why did Paul choose him as a coworker for his second missionary journey?
- Mon:** Acts 16:4-12 – How were Paul and his team (including Silas) led to Macedonia? How does God lead us in ministry?
- Tue:** Acts 16:16-40 – How did Paul and Silas respond to persecution? How do you usually respond to your trials?
- Wed:** Acts 17:1-9 – What was Silas's role in the ministry at Thessalonica?
- Thu:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 – Repeat Wednesday's question.
- Fri:** 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13; 2 Thess 1:1 – Repeat Wednesday's question. According to Paul, what kind of person was Silas?
- Sat:** Acts 17:10-15; 18:1, 5; 2 Cor. 1:19; 1 Pet 5:12 – What was Silas's role in the ministry at Berea? At Corinth? With Peter?