

1. Return to Lystra

- a) Acts 15:36-41, what lessons can we learn from this account of a strong disagreement between Paul and Barnabas?
- b) Acts 16:1-3, what important meeting occurred during Paul's second visit to Lystra?
- c) Why did Paul circumcise Timothy even though the Jerusalem council had clearly stated circumcision was not required for Gentile Christians?

2. Visit to Philippi

- a) Acts 16:11-15, what lessons can we learn from Paul's meeting with Lydia and the other women who met for prayer by the river?
- b) Acts 16:16-18, what are your thoughts about Paul's encounter with the slave girl and how he reacted to the constant harassment? Was this a trap laid by the enemy?
- c) Acts 16:19-34, how was the Lord able to work good out of a bad situation?
- d) How do you react to the simple statement of Paul about salvation, recorded in Acts 16:31?
- e) What is Paul trying to accomplish by his reaction to the magistrates in Philippi? Acts 16:35-40

3. Visit to Thessalonica and Berea

- a) Acts 17:1-4, what encouraging response did Paul and Silas receive in Thessalonica?

- b) Acts 17:5-9, it seems Paul was always experiencing opposition. Is this inevitable when we are proclaiming the truth about Jesus? Give examples.
- c) Not content to oppose Paul in their hometown, hostile Jewish leaders from Thessalonica travelled to Berea (Acts 17:13). Why?
- d) What was unique about the believers in Berea? Acts 17:11
- e) What lessons can we learn from their example?

4. Paul's unique approach in Athens

- a) Acts 17:22-31, what was unique about Paul's ministry in Athens?
- b) Acts 17:32-34, how would you evaluate the success of Paul's labors in Athens?
- c) What important truth should we remember when seeking to assess the effectiveness of another person's ministry?

5. Surprises in Corinth

- a) Acts 18:1-11, what important lesson can we learn from the Lord's revelation to Paul in Corinth? (see also 1 Samuel 16:7)
- b) Share a time when you were involved in Christian ministry and God surprised you.

