

## ACTS 11

1. Why did Paul want to visit the new churches that God had begun?
  - Because it is important not to abandon new believers.
  - Because new believers need teaching, guidance, and encouragement.
2. Why should the disagreement of Paul and Barnabas be a warning to us?
  - Because Satan is always trying to divide believers in Christ.
3. After Barnabas took Mark and left for Cyprus, who did Paul choose to go with him?
  - Paul chose Silas, one of the leaders of the church in Jerusalem.
4. Why did Paul have Timothy circumcised?
  - For Timothy to help Paul in preaching the Gospel to the Jews first, he would have to be circumcised.
  - Otherwise, the Jews would not listen to Paul and Timothy.
5. What does Paul having Timothy circumcised teach us?
  - We should help others to listen to the Gospel as long as we are not disobeying God.
6. Who told Paul that he was not to preach in Asia and

Bithynia?

-God the Holy Spirit.

7. Upon whom must we depend for guidance in all of our work for the Lord?
  - God the Holy Spirit.
8. How did Paul know that he was to go to Macedonia?
  - God gave him a vision of a man of Macedonia saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."
9. What were Paul and Silas doing at midnight in prison?
  - They were singing praises to God.
10. What should we do when we have problems?
  - Trust God.
  - Believe the promises He has given us in His Word.
  - Thank God for His love and care for us.
11. What did God do for Paul and Silas at midnight?
  - He sent an earthquake which shook the prison, threw open the doors, and broke off the chains of the prisoners.
12. What did Paul and Silas answer the jailer when he asked, "What must I do to be saved?"
  - They said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved."
13. Did the jailer believe in Christ?

-Yes, the jailer and all those living in his house believed.

-Still on their second missionary journey, Paul and Silas left the prison at Philippi and traveled to other cities with Timothy and Luke to teach others about God.

Let's read Acts 17:1-4

1-When they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue.

2-As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures,

3-explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ," he said.

4-Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and not a few prominent women.

-What did Paul do when they arrived in Thessalonica?

-He went to teach in the synagogue.

-Did Paul teach the Jews his own ideas?

-No. Paul only taught the Word of God.

-Paul studied the Word of God so that he could teach it.

-We should all study the Word of God so that we can

teach it.

-God the Holy Spirit helps us to study and understand God's Word so that we can teach others.

-After Paul and Silas taught for a time in Thessalonica, what happened?

Let's read Acts 17:5-9

5-But the Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd.

6-But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other brothers before the city officials, shouting: "These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here,

7-and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus."

8-When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil.

9-Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go.

-Even though some people in Thessalonica believed in Christ, most of the people did not want God's Word, and they planned to put Paul and Silas in prison.

-Therefore, Paul, Silas, Timothy, and Luke left Thessalonica, and went to Berea.

Let's read Acts 17:10-12

10-As soon as it was night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue.

11-Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

12-Many of the Jews believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

-What was the difference between the people of Berea and the people of Thessalonica?

-Most of the Thessalonians rejected Paul's message, but the Bereans listened very well to Paul's message.

-The Bereans also studied the Old Testament to see if Jesus of Nazareth really was the Savior whom God had promised.

-When we teach others about God, what may be the response?

-Some may reject God's message, but others will want to

hear and believe the truth.

-Even if some people reject God's message, what should we do?

-We should continue to teach God's Word because there will be some people in other places who will want to hear and believe the truth.

-While Paul was teaching in Berea, what happened?

Let's read Acts 17:13-15

13-When the Jews in Thessalonica learned that Paul was preaching the word of God at Berea, they went there too, agitating the crowds and stirring them up.

14-The brothers immediately sent Paul to the coast, but Silas and Timothy stayed at Berea.

15-The men who escorted Paul brought him to Athens and then left with instructions for Silas and Timothy to join him as soon as possible.

-Was Satan happy that the Bereans studied God's Word to see if Jesus of Nazareth really was the Savior?

-No.

-Just as God has servants, Satan, too, has servants.

-Paul was forced to leave Berea, but God allowed this to happen.

-We may not understand why God allows difficulties in our lives.

-But God takes the difficulties and turns them into good for us and many others.

-Paul arrived in Athens, and while he was waiting for Silas and Timothy to join him, Paul walked around the city.

Let's read Acts 17:16

16-While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols.

-Why was Paul so sad and troubled as he walked around the city of Athens?

-Because the people of Athens worshiped many different idols.

-Therefore, Paul taught the people of Athens in the synagogue and in the market about the one true God.

Let's read Acts 17:17-18

17-So [Paul] reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be

there.

18-A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to dispute with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbler trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.

-Because Paul taught in the market, he was invited to teach at a meeting of some of Athens' most important men.

Let's read Acts 17:19-31

19-Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?"

20-You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we want to know what they mean."

22-Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious.

23-For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you.

24-"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands.

25-And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.

26-From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.

27-God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.

28-‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

29-“Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone-an image made by man’s design and skill.

30-In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.

31-For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead.”

-In Athens, there were temples built to worship idols which the people had made.

-The people of Athens worshiped and prayed to these idols of wood and stone.

-Who are people really worshiping when they worship

idols?

-Satan and his demons.

-Paul saw how Satan had the people of Athens under his control.

-Paul taught the people of Athens that they did not worship the one true God.

-Paul also taught that Jesus was the only Savior who could save them from the wrath of God coming upon all sinners.

-Did the people of Athens believe God’s Word?

Let’s read Acts 17:32-34

32-When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, “We want to hear you again on this subject.”

33-At that, Paul left the Council.

34-A few men became followers of Paul and believed. Among them was Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus, also a woman named Damaris, and a number of others.

-Although many of the people of Athens did not believe Paul’s message, there were a few who did believe in the one true God.

- After Paul left Athens, to which city did he go?
- To Corinth.

Let's read Acts 18:1 & 9-10

- 1-After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth.
- 9-One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision:  
"Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent.
- 10-For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city."

- What did the Lord tell Paul in Corinth?

-The Lord told Paul not to be afraid, but to stay in Corinth and continue to teach God's Word because many people would believe.

- Does God know beforehand all who will believe His Word and be saved?

-Yes. God knows everything that will happen before it even happens.

- Because we do not know who will believe and who will reject God's Word, what must we do?

-We must teach God's Word to every person.

Let's read Acts 18:11

11-So Paul stayed for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

- While Paul was in Corinth, what two books did God write through him?

-1 Thessalonians and 2 Thessalonians.

- After a year and a half in Corinth, Paul left and traveled to Ephesus.

Let's read Acts 18:19-21

19-They arrived at Ephesus, where Paul left Priscilla and Aquila. He himself went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.

20-When they asked him to spend more time with them, he declined.

21-But as he left, he promised, "I will come back if it is God's will." Then he set sail from Ephesus.

- From Ephesus, Paul went to Caesarea, then to Jerusalem, and finally he returned to his home in Antioch.

Let's read Acts 18:22

22-When he landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church and then went down to Antioch.

- Thus, Paul's second missionary journey was completed.