

## FOR THE LOVE OF THE CHURCH

(Acts 20:1-16)

### I. THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (chapters 1-2)

### II. THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (chapters 3-7)

### III. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST IN JUDEA, SAMARIA, AND SYRIA (chapters 8-12)

### IV. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS TO THE REST OF THE WORLD (chapters 13-28)

#### A. Paul's Visit to Macedonia and Achaia (20:1-6)

1. The apostle left Ephesus after the trouble had ceased; he said \_\_\_\_\_ to the saints in Ephesus and traveled to Macedonia in order to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ in those established churches. (vv. 1-2a)
2. Paul then made his way to the province of Achaia (v. 2b) where he stayed for three months, most likely with believers in the church of \_\_\_\_\_ where he wrote the book of \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 3a)
3. A Jewish \_\_\_\_\_ was discovered against the apostle, causing him to \_\_\_\_\_ to return through Macedonia instead of sailing back to his \_\_\_\_\_ church in Antioch of Syria. (v. 3b)
4. At this point Luke inserts a list of the people who formed Paul's travelling companions on his journey; these men most likely \_\_\_\_\_ their respective \_\_\_\_\_; they went ahead to Troas. (vv. 4-5)
5. Dr. Luke \_\_\_\_\_ the missionary team in Philippi; the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which followed immediately after Passover, was celebrated in Philippi most likely in the \_\_\_\_\_ of A.D. \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 6)

#### B. Paul's Raising of Eutychus in Troas (20:7-12)

1. Luke gives us a brief report of a local church service in Troas, and it happens to be one of the clearest passages in the New Testament on what a normal service looked like...

- a. To begin with, they met on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the week \_\_\_\_\_ and not on the seventh day (Saturday) which was the Sabbath. (v. 7a)
  - b. The early church observed the \_\_\_\_\_ and they also shared a '\_\_\_\_\_' meal called the '*agape* love feast' when they met. (v. 7b, cf. Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 11:17-34)
  - c. They met in the \_\_\_\_\_ because most of the believers \_\_\_\_\_ during the day. (v. 7c)
  - d. The Christians met in an upper room because they had no \_\_\_\_\_ in which to gather. (v. 8)
  - e. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God was taught \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 7d & 9)
2. Whether it was the lateness of the hour or the stuffiness of the room, a young man by the name of Eutychus fell \_\_\_\_\_ and then fell out the window \_\_\_\_\_ stories, and was \_\_\_\_\_ by the fall. (v. 9)
  3. Paul quickly came down and embraced Eutychus' \_\_\_\_\_ body, and he was miraculously \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.! (vv. 10, 12)
  4. Probably because this was a farewell speech, Paul spoke until \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7), and then took in a meal, and continued teaching until \_\_\_\_\_! (v. 11)

### C. The Missionary's Journey from Troas to Miletus (20:13-16)

1. The missionary team was on the \_\_\_\_\_, Luke and his comrades sailed for Assos, but Paul stayed longer in Troas and then \_\_\_\_\_ the 20 miles by himself. (vv. 13-15)
2. Paul had missed attending the Passover in Jerusalem, so he was especially interested in arriving on time for \_\_\_\_\_; he was carrying \_\_\_\_\_ for the Jerusalem believers from the churches in Asia and Greece (v. 16, cf. Rom. 15:25-26; 1 Cor. 16:1-4; 2 Cor. 8:1-9:15).

\* What is your "take away" from this passage?