

Book of Acts

Session 21: Acts 15-18

The Issue of Gentile Circumcision Decided

1. Read Acts 15:22-35. The Jerusalem believers wrote a letter to their gentile brothers, but they also sent along two representatives. Why?

Paul's Second Missionary Journey

2. Read Acts 15:36-41. Why didn't Paul want to bring John Mark along on his second journey? How did the Lord use their disagreement for the good of the church?
3. Read Acts 16:1-10. Paul shared the good news that circumcision was not necessary for salvation. Why then did he circumcise Timothy, his new partner in ministry? (See Acts 15:1, 2 and 1 Corinthians 9:22.)
4. Paul intended to preach the good news in the Roman provinces of Asia and Bithynia. What prevented him from carrying out this plan?
5. Read Acts 16:11-15.
6. Read Acts 16:16-24. The evil spirit in the slave girl was speaking the truth. Why did God drive the spirit from her?
7. Read Acts 16:25-40. "*What must I do to be saved? . . . Believe in the Lord Jesus.*" What is amazing about that answer from this Gentile's perspective?

Paul and Silas in Thessalonica & Berea

8. Read Acts 17:1-15.

Athens' Unknown God

9. Read Acts 17:16-34. How did the members of the Areopagus respond? What lesson might we learn from the results of Paul's work in Athens compared to his work in Thessalonica and Berea?

10. Mention aspects of our society that properly distress us. How might we repeat Paul's godly response to things that bothered him?

Paul in Corinth & Returns to Antioch

11. Read Acts 18:1-22. How did the Lord encourage Paul?

Paul's Third Missionary Journey

12. Read Acts 18:23-28. Apollos was a very gifted speaker and knew his Scriptures well. However, Priscilla and Aquila discovered that his teaching was in error on some points. Describe how they handled Apollos' mistake. Discuss the wisdom of their approach. How might we be tempted to handle such incidents in a sinful way? How can we handle them in a godly manner?