

A SHORT REVIEW OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

1. Thinking about the history of the early church that you have studied in Acts, what are some ways in which Christ's directive to the apostles of Acts 1:8 was fulfilled?
2. What is the significance of the events of Pentecost recorded in Acts chapter 2?
3. What were some of the highlights of Peter's leadership in the early church?
4. What do you remember about Stephen and his martyrdom from chapters 6 & 7?
5. How did Paul's conversion change him from being a persecutor of the saints to a missionary of the church? (Acts 9)
6. Why was Peter's vision of the animals coming down in the sheet so important to the progress of the gospel? (Acts 10)
7. How is God's Power contrasted with the power of the Destroyer in Acts 12?

PAUL'S THREE MISSIONARY JOURNEYS

MISSION 1

Acts 13 & 14 Paul, Barnabus and Mark leave Antioch for Cyprus and the cities in Galatia.

8. What were memorable characteristics and/or events from Paul's first mission that impressed you?

9. The Jerusalem Conference came between Paul's first and second missions. This meeting addressed the problem of how to integrate the new Gentile converts with the original Jewish converts who were still keeping the Law of Moses. What was decided at the Jerusalem conference? (Chapter 15)

MISSION 2

10. Paul's second mission is covered in **Acts 15: 36 to 18: 22**. Paul takes the gospel to Macedonia (Greece). What was memorable to you from Paul's second mission?

11. **CHALLENGE QUESTION:** Look at the New Testament Table of Contents at the beginning of your bible. What letters correlate with what cities? For example, the book of Phillipians was written to the church in Philippi.

MISSION 3

12. Acts 18:22&23; Acts 19 & 20; Acts 21:1-17 Paul's Third Mission can be broken into two divisions. Chapter 19 covers his two-year missionary effort in the city of Ephesus. The rest of his third mission was spent revisiting and strengthening the established branches.

a. What were memorable characteristics and/ or events from Paul's time in Ephesus?

b. What were memorable characteristics and/ or events from Paul's last visits to the established churches that impressed you?

13. What are some character traits that Paul models for us in his life as a disciple of Christ?

14. What attributes of God do you see portrayed in the stories of Peter and Paul and the establishment of the early church?

15. Knowing some of the particular trials they faced, what qualities did the early saints need to stay faithful?

16. If you could meet Paul—what question would you ask him?

17. What was your favorite story from the book of Acts?

19. What is a favorite scriptural phrase that you have discovered in the book of Acts?

Note: Most historians believe that Paul's defense before Nero was successful and he was released. These historians contend that he was later re-arrested, and imprisoned in Rome about AD 67 and executed by Nero. We have no way of being sure of these details.