

Witnesses to Christ

Acts 1:8 – the Christian mandate

The call of Paul

- Carry *My* name . . .
- Suffer for *My* name . . .

Transitional text: Acts 20:1-21:14

- End of 3rd missionary journey
- Beginning of Paul's troubles

Lesson outline:

- Conclusion of Paul's 3rd missionary journey
(20:1-16)
- Summary of Paul's ministry
(20:17-38)
- Journey to Jerusalem
(21:1-14)

Paul's Missionary Journeys

Missionary Journey #1

- Bar Jesus on Cyprus
- sermon at Antioch
- stoning at Iconium

Missionary Journey #2

- guidance of the Holy Spirit
- persecution in Philippi
- Sermon on Mars Hill in Athens
- Corinthian ministry

Missionary Journey #3

- Ephesian ministry
- Paul's final words

Paul's Missionary Epistles

Galatians

- between 1st and 2nd missionary journey

1 & 2 Thessalonians

- 2nd missionary journey from Corinth

1 Corinthians

- 3rd missionary journey from Ephesus
- 1 Corinthians 16:5-9

2 Corinthians

- 3rd missionary journey from Macedonia
- 2 Corinthians 8:1-6

Romans

- 3rd missionary journey from Corinth

The gift for Jerusalem

Acts 24:17

- Paul came to “bring alms to my nation”

1 Corinthian 16:1-4

- plan to collect a gift for Jerusalem

Romans 15:25-27

- plan to take gift from Macedonia and Achaia to Jerusalem

Acts 20:4

- The traveling party

Final visit to the churches Ephesus to Miletus

Macedonia – “encouragement”

3 months in Greece (Achaia)

The plan change to avoid the death plot

Return through Macedonia

The traveling party

Picking up Luke at Philippi

Troas

- First day of the week . . . to break bread
- A long speech
- A tragic accident
- A miracle

Journey to Miletus

The ministry for all ages

Personal summary (20:18-21)

- ▶ Serving the Lord
- ▶ Profit centered
- ▶ Repentance and faith

Personal expectations (20:22-27)

- ▶ Imprisonment and afflictions in Jerusalem
 - constrained by the Holy Spirit
- ▶ Complete my course and the ministry
 - received of the Lord Jesus
 - testify of the gospel of the grace of God
- ▶ Not see Ephesians again

Personal exhortations (20:28-38)

- ▶ Pay careful attention to yourselves
- ▶ Pay careful attention to the flock
- ▶ Warning – wolves
- ▶ Commendation
 - To God
 - To Word of His Grace
- ▶ No material gain

The journey to Jerusalem

Acts 21:1-14

Miletus to Tyre

Tyre for 7 days

- ▶ Warning
- ▶ Departure with prayer

Caesarea

- ▶ Philip and his daughters
- ▶ Agabus
- ▶ Consent to the will of God