

STUDYING THE BOOK OF ACTS **IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS**

Lesson 52 – Through Macedonia and Greece - [Acts 20:1-6](#)

Read the following verses in the Last Days Bible or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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Paul Goes to Macedonia and Greece

20 After the uproar died down, Paul sent out a call to the Lord's followers to meet with him. After giving them words of encouragement, he bid them farewell and left for northern Greece.

²⁻³ He gave many encouraging messages as he traveled through northern Greece, and then went down to southern Greece, where he stayed for three months. But when the Jews plotted against him as he was about to sail for Syria, he decided to return through northern Greece.

⁴ Several men accompanied him to the province of Asia*: Sopater from Berea, Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica, Gaius from Derbe, Tychicus and Trophimus from the province of Asia,* and Timothy.

Acts 20:4 – “Asia,*” i.e. western Turkey.

⁵ All of these went ahead, and waited for us at Troas.

⁶ After the Feast of Unleavened Bread, we sailed from Philippi, Greece, and five days later, joined the others in Troas, where we stayed a week.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 775. Why did Paul travel so much? ([20:1-6](#))
- 776. What did Paul do after the uproar in Ephesus was over? ([20:1](#))
- 777. Where did Paul go after he left Ephesus? ([20:1](#))
- 778. What did Paul do while he was in Macedonia? ([20:2](#))
- 779. Where did Paul stay for three months? ([20:2-3](#))
- 780. How was Paul's plan to sail for Syria frustrated? ([20:3](#))

781. Where did Paul go in order to avoid his enemies? ([20:3](#))
782. Who was appointed to go with Paul? ([20:4](#))
783. Who were Paul's traveling companions on his journey? ([20:4-5](#))
784. What was Paul's group's rendezvous point? ([20:5](#))
785. At what point did the author of Acts rejoin Paul and his party? ([20:5-6](#))
786. Where did Paul's group celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread? ([20:6](#))
787. How long did it take to make the trip from Philippi to Troas? ([20:6](#))

Lesson 53 - Eutychus Raised From the Dead at Troas - [Acts 20:7-12](#)

Paul's Last Visit to Troas

⁷On Saturday evening,* the followers came together for a communion service, and Paul spoke to them. And since he was getting ready to leave the next day, he continued speaking until midnight.

Acts 20:7 – “Saturday evening.*” The first day of the week for the Jews (Sunday) began on our Saturday evening at sundown.

⁸There were many oil lamps burning in the upstairs room where they met.

⁹And as Paul kept preaching on and on, a young teenager named Eutychus, who was sitting in an open window, became very drowsy and began falling asleep. Finally he did fall asleep, and fell to the ground from the third story. He was dead when they picked him up.

¹⁰But Paul immediately went down and threw himself on the young man and embraced him. “Don't be alarmed,” he then said. “He's alive!”

¹¹After Paul went back upstairs and took part in a communion service, and then in a fellowship dinner, he again spoke at length—until daybreak—and then left.

¹²The family that was then able to bring the young man home alive was truly comforted in great measure.

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788. When did the Christians meet to break bread? ([20:7](#))

789. At what time of day did the church probably meet? ([20:7-8](#))
790. Who was sitting in a window? ([20:9](#))
791. What made it hard for Eutychus to stay awake? ([20:8-9](#))
792. What happened when Eutychus fell sound asleep? ([20:9](#))
793. What was the boy's condition when he was picked up? ([20:9](#))
794. What did Paul say to the group when he embraced Eutychus? ([20:10](#))
795. How did Paul care for the young man? ([20:10](#))
796. After the interruption to the meeting, what did Paul do? ([20:11](#))
797. After the meal, what did Paul do? ([20:11](#))
798. Why were the people comforted when they took young Eutychus home? ([20:12](#))

Lesson 54 - Paul's Farewell to the Ephesian Elders - [Acts 20:13-38](#)

¹³We then went ahead and boarded the ship and sailed off to Assos, where Paul planned to join us. These were Paul's arrangements, as he intended to walk there.

¹⁴When he met us at Assos, we took him on board and continued on to Mitylene.

¹⁵We sailed on from there and the next day arrived offshore from the island of Chios. The following day we arrived at Samos Island, and stayed overnight at Trogyllium. The next day we reached Miletus.

¹⁶Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus to avoid spending any time during this trip in the province of Asia, as he was in a hurry to get to Jerusalem—hopefully, by the Day of Pentecost.

Paul's Farewell to the Ephesian Elders

¹⁷However, on reaching Miletus, he sent a message to Ephesus calling the elders of the church to meet with him.

¹⁸When they arrived, he said, "You know the kind of life I lived when I was with you, from the very first day I came into your province.

¹⁹"And you will recall how I served the Lord humbly, shedding many tears as a result of the trials that came my way by the plotting of the Jews.

²⁰"I never refrained from telling you anything that was for your good, both as I taught you publicly and in your homes.

21“To both Jews and Greeks, my earnest and emphatic message was always the same*: ‘You must turn to God in repentance, and believe in our Lord Jesus Christ *the Messiah!*’

Acts 20:21 – “My earnest and emphatic message was always the same.*” Present participle – present, continuous action.

22“And now I am on my way to Jerusalem, strongly urged on by the Holy Spirit, but with a sense of foreboding, as I don’t know what will happen to me there.

23“All I know is that the Holy Spirit continues to testify solemnly and earnestly* in every city, that jail and deep trouble are ahead for me.

Acts 20:23 – “Continues to testify solemnly and earnestly.” Present participle – present, continuous action.

24“But none of these messages from the Holy Spirit move me, as I don’t look at my life as something to be selfishly guarded. My only concern is to finish my race with joy, by completing the assignment I received from the Lord Jesus, that of most solemnly and earnestly announcing the Great News about the undeserved kindness and mercy of God toward man.

25“I have spent much time with you, telling you about the Kingdom of God. But now I know that none of you will ever see me again.

26“So I solemnly say this to you: If any of you should be lost, I am not the one responsible.

27“I have held nothing back. I have given you God’s complete message.

28“So follow my example and keep a close watch on your own lives and on the lives of the flock over which the Holy Spirit has made you the guardians. See to it that you continually shepherd* the Lord’s church, that He bought at such great cost with His own shed blood.

Acts 20:28 – “Continually shepherd.*” Present participle – present, continuous action. To feed, tend, guard, watch over carefully, shelter, protect, guide, preserve, look after, lead, and oversee.

29“Because I know this, that after I leave you, false teachers, like bloodthirsty wolves, will appear among you—and they won’t spare the flock.

30“Even from among yourselves some will rise up and twist and distort the truth in order to get the Lord’s followers to break away and follow them.

31“So you are the ones who must now be constantly on your guard, always remembering that with tears, for three years, night and day, I never stopped advising and warning each one of you.

32“And now, my dear beloved friends, I turn you over to God, and to the message of His mercy and goodwill, which can build you up and give you an inheritance along with all those who have in all sincerity and honesty given their whole hearts to God.*

Acts 20:32 – “Along with all those who have in all sincerity and honesty given their whole hearts to God,* i.e. among all them which are sanctified.

33“I have never wanted any gold or silver or clothing belonging to anyone.

34“In fact, you all know that I worked with my own hands to supply my personal needs, and the needs of those who were with me.

35“All along I have offered you an example, to show you that we have a duty to help the weak. And we are always to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, when He said, ‘You will receive greater happiness and success in every way when you give—much more so than when you receive.’”

36After he had said this, he knelt down with all of them and prayed.

37They all cried a great deal as they hugged and kissed him *good-bye*.

38His statement that they would never see him again especially grieved them. Then they walked with him to the ship.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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799. What did Paul do when the rest of his party sailed for Assos? ([20:13](#))
800. After meeting at Assos, where did the journey take Paul and his companions? ([20:14-15](#))
801. Why did the group bypass Ephesus? ([20:16](#))
802. At Miletus, for whom did Paul send? ([20:17](#))
803. What was the gist of Paul’s talk to the Ephesian elders? ([20:18-35](#))
804. What did Paul say in review of his ministry in Ephesus? ([20:18-21](#))
805. How did the apostle describe the present situation? ([20:22-27](#))
806. Why did Paul expect trouble in Jerusalem? ([20:22-23](#))
807. How did Paul describe his life and mission? ([20:24](#))

808. What made Paul "innocent of the blood of all men"? ([20:26-27](#))
809. What were the future responsibilities of the Ephesian elders? ([20:28-35](#))
810. How did the elders display their deep love for Paul? ([20:36-38](#))
811. How did Paul and the elders say their good-byes? ([20:36-38](#))
812. What saddened the group most? ([20:38](#))
813. How does Paul's life and work challenge you?