

PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Acts 15:1-18:22

Key Verse: 17:3

“...explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. ‘This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ,’ he said.”

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read 15:1-5. Why were Barnabas and Paul sent to Jerusalem? What was the evidence of God's work among the Gentiles? (4,12) Read 15:6-35. How was the matter resolved? (See 11:18) Why was this issue an important one?
2. Read 15:36-41. Why did Paul and Barnabas separate? Where did each go? Who went with Paul? Read 16:1-5. Who was Timothy? (1,2; 2Ti 2:2) How did Paul's company strengthen the churches?
3. Skim over chapters 16-18, noting on a map the places Paul visited on his second journey. Read 16:6-10. Why did Paul decide to go to Macedonia? What was the importance of this decision to Paul and to the world?
4. Read 16:11-15. What kind of city was Philippi? How did God open the door? What can we learn from Lydia?
5. Read 16:16-24. What does this event reveal about the people of that city? Read 16:25-40. How did Paul and Silas win a victory over Satan, and how did God help them? What is real freedom? (2Co 3:17) What happened to the jailer? To Paul?
6. Read 17:1-3. When they arrived in Thessalonica, where did they go? Why? What was the main point of his teaching? Why did Jesus have to suffer? (1Ti 1:15) What does it mean that he was raised? (Php 2:9-11) Read 17:4-9. What was the result?
7. Read 17:10-15. How were the people in Berea different from those in Thessalonica? Read 17:16-34. Why was Paul distressed at the atmosphere in Athens? Where did he preach and what was his message in each place? What was the result?

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8. Read 18:1-22. Describe Paul's life and ministry in Corinth. Why and how did the Lord encourage him? (8-11) Where and why did he get a haircut? (12-22)