

The

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Story

STUDY GUIDE WEEK 19

May 7

ACTS 11-12, PSALM 127

1. In Acts 11, who is the man who spoke about the great famine that would affect the entire Roman world?

2. What does Peter experience in Acts 11 that convinces him that Gentiles should also receive the Holy Spirit?

3. In Acts 12, who orders James, the brother of John, to be killed?

4. How does Peter escape from prison in Acts 12?

Discussion Question: How do the events in Acts 11-12 demonstrate the growing influence of Christianity beyond the Jewish community, and what challenges do the early believers face in expanding their mission?



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May 8

ACTS 13-14, PSALM 128

1. Who are the two main missionaries in Acts 13?

2. In Acts 13, what is the name of the false prophet and magician who tries to oppose Paul and Barnabas?

3. In Acts 14, where do Paul and Barnabas flee after they learn of a plot to stone them?

4. In Acts 14, who do the people of Lystra mistake Paul and Barnabas for?

Discussion Question: How do Paul and Barnabas adapt their message to different audiences during their missionary journey, and what challenges do they encounter in spreading the gospel?

May 9

ACTS 15-16, PSALM 129

1. What is the main issue debated at the Jerusalem Council in Acts 15?

2. Who accompanies Paul on his second missionary journey in Acts 15?

3. In Acts 16, who is the first European convert to Christianity?

4. How do Paul and Silas end up being released from prison in Acts 16?

Discussion Question: In what ways do the events in Acts 15-16 illustrate the importance of resolving conflicts and adapting to cultural differences in the early Christian church?

May 10

ACTS 17-18, PSALM 130

1. In Acts 17, where does Paul give a speech to Athenians about the "unknown god"?

2. What philosophical groups in Athens does Paul encounter in Acts 17?

3. In Acts 18, who are the tentmakers that Paul meets in Corinth?

4. Who is the proconsul of Achaia in Acts 18 who dismisses charges against Paul?

Discussion Question: How does Paul's approach to evangelizing in Athens in Acts 17 demonstrate the importance of understanding and connecting with one's audience when sharing the gospel?

May 11

ACTS 19-20, PSALM 131

1. In Acts 19, what is the significant event that occurs in Ephesus related to the Holy Spirit?

2. What causes a riot in Ephesus in Acts 19?

3. In Acts 20, who is the young man who falls out of a window and dies during Paul's long speech?

4. In Acts 20, where does Paul predict that he will never see the elders of the Ephesian church again?

Discussion Question: How do the events in Acts 19-20 highlight the impact of the gospel on local communities, and how do Paul and the early Christians respond to the challenges they face?

May 12

ACTS 21-22, PSALM 132

1. What prophecy does Agabus make about Paul in Acts 21?

2. Who urges Paul to participate in a purification ritual to show that he respects Jewish law in Acts 21?

3. In Acts 22, where does Paul mention that he received his education?

4. What does Paul reveal about his Roman citizenship in Acts 22?

Discussion Question: How do Paul's experiences in Jerusalem in Acts 21-22 reflect the tensions between Jewish Christians and the broader Jewish community, and how does he navigate these challenges?

May 13

ACTS 23-24, PSALM 133

1. In Acts 23, what strategy does Paul use to create a division among the members of the Sanhedrin?

2. In Acts 23, who warns Paul of a plot against his life?

3. Who is the governor of Judea in Acts 24, to whom Paul is brought for trial?

4. What is the accusation against Paul made by Tertullus in Acts 24?

Discussion Question: How do Paul's trials and experiences with Roman authorities in Acts 23-24 illustrate the political and religious landscape of the time, and how does Paul navigate these challenges?

The Answers

MAY 7

1. Agabus.
2. Peter experiences a vision of a large sheet with animals, and a voice telling him to eat. He later understands this vision to mean that God accepts both Jews and Gentiles who believe in Jesus.
3. King Herod.
4. An angel appears to him and leads him out of the prison.

MAY 8

1. Paul and Barnabas.
2. Bar-Jesus, also known as Elymas.
3. They flee to Lystra and Derbe.
4. Zeus and Hermes.

MAY 9

1. Whether Gentile converts should be required to follow Jewish laws, specifically circumcision.
2. Silas.
3. Lydia.
4. After an earthquake opens the prison doors, the jailer is about to kill himself, but Paul stops him. The jailer and his family are then converted, and Paul and Silas are released when it is discovered that they are Roman citizens.

MAY 10

1. The Areopagus.
2. Epicureans and Stoics.
3. Priscilla and Aquila.
4. Gallio.

The Answers

MAY 11

1. Paul lays his hands on the disciples, and they receive the Holy Spirit and begin speaking in tongues and prophesying.
2. A silversmith named Demetrius stirs up a riot because the spread of Christianity is affecting his business of making silver shrines for the goddess Artemis.
3. Eutychus.
4. At the port of Miletus.

MAY 12

1. Agabus prophesies that Paul will be bound by the Jews in Jerusalem and handed over to the Gentiles.
2. James and the elders of the Jerusalem church.
3. Under Gamaliel in Jerusalem.
4. He was born a Roman citizen.

MAY 13

1. He brings up the issue of the resurrection, which divides the Pharisees and Sadducees.
2. Paul's nephew.
3. Felix.
4. Tertullus accuses Paul of being a troublemaker and a ringleader of the Nazarene sect.

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