

1. Leaving his home base in Antioch

- a) Acts 18:23, Luke summarizes the first 1,500 miles (2,400 kilometers) of Paul's 3rd missionary journey in one sentence. Why?
- b) What was Luke's purpose in writing the book of Acts under the guidance of the Holy Spirit? John 20:30–31

2. Ephesus

- a) Acts 18:24–28, which Christian missionary arrived in Ephesus before the apostle Paul? What do we learn about this missionary from Luke's account?
- b) Acts 19:1–7, how would you describe Paul's first audience upon his arrival in Ephesus?
- c) Acts 19:8–9, why did Paul spend such a long time in Ephesus?
- d) Luke tells us that Paul taught daily for two years in the School of Tyrannus. How would you describe his approach to evangelism in this context? Acts 19:10
- e) Acts 19:11–12, why do you think God performed more miraculous signs in Ephesus than in other cities where Paul preached? (see Acts 19:13–19)
- f) How did Satan stir up opposition against the Christians in Ephesus? Acts 19:23–34
- g) Who did God use to calm the crowd and ensure the safety of Paul and the other Christians in Ephesus? Acts 19:35–41, think of other situations where God provided deliverance in unusual ways.

3. Departing to Troas and Miletus

- a) Why is departure from a place of conflict sometimes the best strategy? Acts 20:1 (see also Matthew 4:12, Matthew 10:21–23)
- b) Acts 20:7–12, Paul's extended worship service in Troas is used by some as an argument in favor of abandoning the Bible Sabbath in favor of Sunday as a day for Christian worship. How would you respond?
- c) While in Miletus, Paul sends for the elders from the church in Ephesus. What important counsel does he give them? How would you describe Paul's farewell words to these Christian leaders? Acts 20:17–36
- d) What can we conclude from the reaction of the Christian elders from Ephesus? Acts 20:37–38

4. Holy Spirit revelations

- a) Paul is concluding his 3rd and final missionary journey. What encouragement do you find in the events recorded in Acts 21:1–14?
- b) How can we make sure we are listening when the Holy Spirit speaks?

