

November 2021

Studying Acts *First Week*

Monday, November 01, 2021

Subject: A Church Business Meeting

Scriptures: Acts 15:1-21

Points to Ponder:

- What was the business that caused the church to meet?
- Please note the way that the church handled this business.
- What is perceived to be the norm may many times be distorted by the forgetting or mishandling of the truth. That is why it is always best for us to turn to God's word for answers.
- Pray for the church.

Tuesday, November 02, 2021

Subject: A Church Letter

Scriptures: Acts 15:22-35

Points to Ponder:

- This is not the type of church letter that we know. This letter is one to apologize and encourage those Gentile believers. Note that the church re-enforced the letter by sending two of the men with the letter so that they would be able to share the feeling of the letter with those who would hear it.
- If this is a model for the church, we should be about correcting wrongs and encouraging young believers.
- Pray that the church letter that is sent from us is of such that it would be about building and encouraging other believers.

Wednesday, November 03, 2021

Subject: **Real Encounters in Ministry**

Scriptures: **Acts 15:36~16:15**

Points to Ponder:

- We so often allow ourselves to be pulled into the snare of believing that Christians and/or the Church is existing inside of a glass jar. This makes us think that we do not have to worry about the encounters that the world faces. That is wrong!
- We too have encounters of disagreement and break ups. We too have to adjust and accept new relations. Both of these place strains on us and our ministry.
- Then there are those encounters of which we are glad to talk about; visions, dreams, and directions that we know are God sent, and the opportunity to witness the conversion of someone. Even though these may be enjoyable encounters they too place strains on us and our ministry.
- Pray about those encounters in our lives whether they are enjoyable or not.

Thursday, November 04, 2021

Subject: Stripped, Beaten and Thrown into Prison

Scriptures: Acts 16:16-34

Points to Ponder:

- Read this story at least twice. When you read it the second time make notes of what Paul and Silas did to cause what happened to them; then make notes of what their accusers say they are guilty of.
- Make note of what Paul and Silas do to let us know that they are not worried about the outcome.
- In their actions do they lift Jesus up?
- How would you have responded in their situation?
- Pray that your attitude concerning obstacles and hindrances in your walk would be so that no matter what you will still be lifting Jesus up.

Friday, November 05, 2021

Subject: Demanding What Is Right

Scriptures: Acts 16:35-40

Points to Ponder:

- Is it not interesting how man has more fear toward laws and traditions of man than the Holy truth of God?
- Even though Paul and Silas are followers of Jesus they are also Roman citizens. The way that they have been treated was not the way that they should be treated no matter what.
- We must be careful about how we place values on the power of men. After Paul and Silas were escorted out of prison they went straight to Lydia's house to be with the brethren. This was the correct attitude.
- Pray for your view of human authority may be correct in relations to God's authority.

Saturday, November 06, 2021

Subject: **Under Attack Because of Unbelief**

Scriptures: **Acts 17:1-15**

Points to Ponder:

- This account of Paul and Silas journey is all about being sought out by those who will not believe the Good News and who will do all they can to turn others away from the truth.
- Look carefully at the attack in Thessalonica and Berea. Is there anything common among them?
- Is there a truth that we can learn from these events?
- Pray for the teaching and preaching ministry of Bethel A.

Sunday, November 07, 2021

Subject: In Defense For The True God

Praise Text: Psalm 51:1-13

Teaching Text: Acts 17:1-15

First Reading: Acts 17:16-34

Points to Ponder:

- Have we moved far from the worshippers of Athens? Have we not become a generation of people who sees nothing wrong with worshipping many gods?
- Pray for God to make His word clear to us all.

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Studying Acts *Second Week*

Monday, November 08, 2021

Subject: Protected By God

Scriptures: Acts 18:1-17

Points to Ponder:

- In verses 9-10 God comes and assures Paul that he is protected.
- Who is the one who steps up and offers protection for Paul? Gallio has no reason to believe that his decision to eject the Jews and their charges that his court was part of God's protection for Paul.
- God offers the same protection for those today that are willing to trust Him. Like Paul, God has some Gallios to act in our behalf without ever knowing that they are being used by God.
- Pray and give God thanks for the protection that He gives to you.

Tuesday, November 09, 2021

Subject: The Advancing Witness

Scriptures: Acts 18:18-28

Points to Ponder:

- To advance the work does not mean that one has the responsibility to do it by themselves. Note how the witnessing is advanced:
 - First, the work is spread by Paul continuing his missionary journey from one city/region to another, reasoning with those who would gather and listen.
 - Second. The work is spread by Paul sharing the work:
 - With the Brethren – The Brethren encourages Apollos and sent a letter of introduction.
 - With Priscilla and Aquila – Priscilla and Aquila shares the work with Apollos.
- Pray that you would assume your share of the witness and that you would share this work with others.

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

Subject: **Be Sure It Is Real**

Scriptures: **Acts 19:1-20**

Points to Ponder:

- "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" The question was important because the witness of the Spirit is the one indispensable proof that a person is truly born again, and you receive the Spirit when you believe on Jesus Christ. In the Book of Acts, a person's baptismal experience is an indication of his or her spiritual experience.
- Consider your baptism experience. Is there a direct correlation between it and your spiritual experience?
- Satan imitates whatever God's people are doing, because he knows that the unsaved world cannot tell the difference. The imitators even use the phrase "in the name of Jesus".
- Pray for the teaching ministry of Bethel A.

Thursday, November 11, 2021

Subject: Trouble Caused By The Enemy

Scriptures: Acts 19:21-41

Points to Ponder:

- Whenever the Gospel is preached in power, the devil will use people to oppose it for no other reason than that the Gospel would hinder them to make money from superstition and sin.
- The devil will do any and everything to disrupt the preaching and teaching ministries; this would include turning people against those who preach in power to the place of harming them.
- Pray you may endure trouble from the enemy because you have taught in power.

Friday, November 12, 2021

Subject: Words of Encouragement – Miraculous Deeds

Scriptures: Acts 20:1-12

Points to Ponder:

- Our lesson today is focus on two important things that should be part of the church's ministry.
 - The church should at times offer words of encouragement. Everyone at times is pressed by life and the enemy so much that we would want to give up.
 - The church should at times be blessed by the power of the Spirit to do miraculous deeds. Both believers and unbelievers must see such power and recognized God's presence.
- Pray for such to be seen, heard and felt in the church.

Saturday, November 13, 2021

Subject: **Accounting - Warning**

Scriptures: Acts 20:13-28

Points to Ponder:

- Paul uses two formulas to give account to his ministry.
 - The Ephesian Elders are the first formula for accounting. Paul appeals to their memory of what he has done in the Spirit.
 - His conscious and faith is the second formula for accounting.
- Before Paul finishes he offers a warning to the Elders. The warning is verse 28.
- Pray for Bethel A.

Sunday, November 14, 2021

Subject: Willing To Go All The Way

Praise Text: Psalm 51:1-13

Teaching Text: Acts 20:13-28

First Reading: Acts 21:1-16

Points to Ponder:

- Too often the church has members who are not willing to go all the way. They choose and pick what they will do and how far they will go.
- Notice Paul despite the encouragement of disciples was determined to go all the way for the Lord.
- Pray for teaching and preaching ministry of Bethel A.

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Studying Acts Third Week

Monday, November 15, 2021

Subject: Making Wise Decision

Scriptures: Acts 21:15-26

Points to Ponder:

- Paul chooses to follow the decision of the elders of the church of Jerusalem. His choice was not based on that he was not guilty of the charges.
- As believers we must make decisions that would help fellow believers even though it may not seem fair to us.
- We as believers must be willing to accept any decisions that the church makes.
- Pray that you will make wise decisions.

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Subject: Stand No Matter What The Odds

Scriptures: Acts 21:27~22:2

Points to Ponder:

- The mob was attempting to kill Paul because of his teaching, but Paul still asks for the opportunity to speak to the mob.
- Read the event again and consider what would be your reactions if it was you instead of Paul being treated this way. Are you willing to stand no matter what the odds?
- Pray that you will be able to stand like Paul.

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Subject: **Having A Testimony**

Scriptures: **Acts 22:3-21**

Points to Ponder:

- We normally consider that giving our testimony is an act that we do among a gathering of believers. Here Paul gives his testimony to those who are unbelievers.
- The true nature of giving our testimony:
 - The sharing of our stories to unbelievers is a powerful tool for salvation of unbelievers.
 - The sharing of our stories must contain three things.
 - Who we were before salvation
 - The salvation event
 - Who we were after salvation
- Pray for God to grant you the opportunity to give your testimony for the advancing of His kingdom.

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Subject: Unique Connections

Scriptures: Acts 22:22 ~23:11

Points to Ponder:

- Too often God allows circumstances and relations to occur in our lives while we are still unbelievers that become important connections that could aid us when we become believers.
- Many times we try to forget our past circumstances and relations and doing so we hinder help that God planted for struggling moments as believers.
- Pray that you will be able to recall God's planting when you need it.

Friday, November 19, 2021

Subject: Aid From Unexpected Places

Scriptures: Acts 23:12-35

Points to Ponder:

- Another way God offers aid to believers is He raises people from areas that is least expected to stand in their behalf. Not all the time do the believers know that God has dispatched help by a unexpected source.
- Make a list of persons who have aided you in your walk of faith but they do not believe.
- Pray for those persons on your list.

Saturday, November 20, 2021

Subject: **The Truth – The Only Defense**

Scriptures: Acts 24:1-27

Points to Ponder:

- Compare Tertullus's charges and Paul's defense that they presented to Felix.
- Based on what you know about Paul's missionary journeys who is telling the truth?
- Based on that the charges concerning faith in Jesus are being presented to an unbeliever who would probably win?
- No matter how we may think that we will lose confrontations, we must always tell the truth.
- Pray for the truth to always be your witness.

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Subject: Appealing To A Higher Authority

Praise Text: Psalm 51:1-13

Teaching Text: Acts 24:1-27

First Reading: Acts 25:1-12

Points to Ponder:

- Paul appeals to Caesar to hear his case. This is not to say that Paul believes that Caesar would be his answer to his conflicts. It says that Paul acknowledge that believers must be willing to use the world's system when dealing with unbelievers.
- Pray for the teaching and preaching ministry of Bethel A.

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Studying Acts Fourth Week

Monday, November 22, 2021

Subject: Held Without A Charge

Scriptures: Acts 25:13-27

Points to Ponder:

- Is it not interesting that everyone who had dealings with Paul seem to have some indecisiveness about his destiny?
- Is it not further interesting that they would imprison Paul without a legitimate charge?
- Note that unbelievers, whether they consider believers as their enemies or not, do not know what to do with believers.
- Pray that you may be such a believer.

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Subject: A Testimony That Convicts

Scriptures: Acts 26:1-32

Points to Ponder:

- Paul gives his testimony. He talks about who he was before salvation, the salvation event and then who he was after his salvation.
- His testimony caused Festus to call him insane and Agrippa to question Paul's intentions. They sensed some level of convictions.
- When you give your testimony are the hearers placed under convictions?
- Pray that your testimony would be such that the hearers would be placed under convictions.

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

Subject: **Not Heeding To God's Messenger**

Scriptures: Acts 27:1-12

Points to Ponder:

- Are God's messengers only preachers? Is there a way to tell who God's messengers are?
- Luke gives a good description of their travels. Then they are forced to make a decision on whether to continue or not. Life always offers choices. How can one tell what is the right choice?
- Make a list of events in your life that you had to make a major decision and you know that God sent someone to warn you about making the right choice. Note what choice you made.
- Pray that you may be sensitive to God's warnings and God's messengers.

Thursday, November 25, 2021

Subject: Protected In The Midst Of Danger

Scriptures: Acts 27:13-26

Points to Ponder:

- Could we say that much of the dangers we face in life is because we made the wrong choice?
- Could we say that when we are in the midst of danger none of our attempts are able to bring us relief?
- Take some time to recall times of dangerous storms in your life whether they were because of wrong choices by you or because the tricks of life. Recall and list how God protected you from the storms. If you know, list why God protected you.
- With your lists give thanks to God for His deliverance.

Friday, November 26, 2021

Subject: God Always Has A Way

Scriptures: Acts 27:27-44

Points to Ponder:

- It is important for those of us who are believers to assure unbelievers that no matter how bad it may seem God always has a way out of life difficulties.
- Do you have a story of God providing you a way out of trouble that you need to share with someone?
- Pray for the opportunity to assure someone that God has a way out of their dilemma.

Saturday, November 27, 2021

Subject: Eventful Journeys with God

Scriptures: Acts 28:1-16

Points to Ponder:

- This scripture is not the only one that gives evidence that when anyone journey with God it is always eventful.
- As you read the eventful moments of Paul in this scripture call to remembrance some eventful moments of your own.
- Make notes on the events in the scripture.
- Pray for the teaching and preaching ministry of Bethel A.

Sunday, November 28, 2021

Subject: Preaching The Truth In The Worst Of Times

Praise Text: Psalm 51:1-13

Teaching Text: Acts 28:1-16

First Reading: Acts 28:17-31

Points to Ponder:

- There is no better way to conclude this book. Paul is preaching even though he is under arrest.
- The gospel must be preached no matter what may be going on in the world.
- Pray for the preaching of the gospel on this day.