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Chapter 18

- 1) Paul in Corinth (vs. 1 – 17)
 - a. Paul “shakes the dust from his clothes” (vs. 5). Why is Paul protesting in this manner? Who or what helps Paul overcome his anger?
 - b. Verses 12 to 17 deal with an accusation against Paul. Do you agree with Gallio that the matter is a Jewish one? Why would the Jews punish Sosthenes?
- 2) Paul’s return to Antioch (vs. 18 – 23)
 - a. Why would Paul return to the churches he had visited previously? Do you need strengthening from time to time?
- 3) Ministry of Apollos (vs. 24 – 28)
 - a. Apollos is enthusiastic but needs help in more accurately explaining the Way of God (vs. 27). Is it better to be bold or accurate? Why?

Chapter 19

- 1) Paul in Ephesus (vs. 1 – 10)
 - a. Why does Paul leave the synagogue and move to Tyrannus’ lecture hall? Have you ever felt unwelcome when speaking God’s Word?
- 2) The sons of Sceva (vs. 11 – 20)
 - a. Why is the Name of Jesus not enough for the sons of Sceva to dispel the evil spirit? Can you think of a recent example where Jesus’ Name is used with no faith behind it?
- 3) The riot in Ephesus (vs. 21 – 41)
 - a. Demetrius accurately predicts his trade’s decline (vs. 27). Is his concern justified? What else could he have done to relieve his concern?
 - b. “Most did not know why they had come together” (vs. 32). Why is it so easy to fall into a mob? What can we do to avoid these situations?

Chapter 20

- 1) Paul goes to Macedonia and Greece (vs. 1 – 6)
 - a. Why did Paul need to change his travel plans?
- 2) Paul's farewell visit to Troas (vs. 7 – 12)
 - a. The miracle in this passage affirms that God's Spirit rests on Paul. How does this passage reveal Paul's complete trust in God?
- 3) The Voyage from Troas to Miletus (vs. 13 – 16)
 - a. (no questions from this passage)
- 4) Paul speaks to the Ephesian elders (vs. 17 – 38)
 - a. Paul knows that "imprisonment and persecutions are waiting" (vs. 23) but he still goes anyway. Why? Do we today have the faith to step into danger when directed?
 - b. Compare Paul's support for himself and his companions to today's evangelicals who support themselves solely through donations. Is one method better than the other? Why or why not?

Chapter 21

- 1) Paul's journey to Jerusalem (vs. 1 – 16)
 - a. Paul is twice warned not to go to Jerusalem. How does he overcome these temptations? How can we overcome the temptation to take the easier path rather than the right one?
- 2) Paul visit James at Jerusalem (vs. 17 – 26)
 - a. What accusations are brought against Paul? How does he disprove them?
- 3) Paul arrested in the temple (vs. 27 – 36)
 - a. Are the accusations against Paul true? Why or why not?
 - b. Paul is arrested by the Roman authorities. Why would they arrest Paul, who is being beaten, rather than those who are beating him?
- 4) Paul defends himself (vs. 37 – 40)
 - a. Is Paul's arrest simply a misunderstanding? Why or why not?

Chapter 22

- 1) Paul defends himself (continued in vs. 1 – 5)
 - a. Why does Paul begin his defense by telling about himself?
- 2) Paul tells of his conversion (vs. 6 – 16)
 - a. Paul links his experience as a result of “the God of our ancestors” (vs. 14).
Would this be an effective point to raise? Why or why not?
- 3) Paul sent to the Gentiles (vs. 17 – 21)
 - a. (no questions from this passage)
- 4) Paul and the Roman Tribune (vs. 22 – 29)
 - a. Why does Paul’s being a Roman citizen change what the Tribune is about to do?
- 5) Paul before the Council (vs. 30)
 - a. (no questions from this passage)

Chapter 23

- 1) Paul before the Council (continued in vs. 1 – 11)
 - a. How does Paul bring his trial to a halt? Is it successful? Why or why not?
- 2) The plot to kill Paul (vs. 12 – 22)
 - a. When the trial fails some Jews resort to other means. What is their plan? Is it coincidence or providence that their plan is foiled?
- 3) Paul sent to Felix the governor (vs. 23 – 35)
 - a. Review Claudius’ letter to Felix. Is it factual? Why or why not?