

Bible Readings Book by Book week 46 – w/c 18/9/22

Week 46

Monday: Acts 20:1-12 As Paul travelled, he taught and encouraged the churches. He had much he wanted to teach in just a week's stay in Troas, resulting in a long meeting and a man falling asleep, and then being raised from the dead! They stayed awake through the night to hear God's word. Do you have the same hunger for God and his word?

Tuesday: Acts 20:13-38 In verses 28-38 Paul warns the church leaders of the dangers they had to recognise and deal with if they were to protect and lead the church. What dangers can you identify in these verses? Why is the church - the community of God's people, not just the scattered individuals - important to God?

Wednesday: Acts 21:1-36 When Paul arrived in Jerusalem in v17, it marked the end of his third missionary journey started in Acts 18:23. He had travelled 2,700 miles in a four-year period. Notice the reaction of the Church in Jerusalem in verse 20. Does news of what God is doing elsewhere in the world cause you to react in a similar way?

Thursday: Acts 21:37 - 22:29 No devout Jew would have anything to do with the Gentiles, but Paul had to be faithful to his witness, no matter what it cost him. Paul would rather be a prisoner than give up the burden for lost souls and for missions. What risks are you willing to take for the gospel?

Friday: Acts 22:30 - 23:35 Paul experienced God's protection at every turn. He had a promise from God (v11), and also his nephew's warning, which the Roman Commander heard and promptly acted on, by sending Paul under armed escort to Caesarea. Thank God that whatever difficulties arise in our lives, we can trust in God's protective hand.

Weekend: Acts 24:1-27 Paul gave Felix and Drusilla a 3 point sermon for why they should repent and believe in Jesus Christ: righteousness, self-control and the judgement to come. He focussed on yesterday's sin, today's temptations, and tomorrow's judgement. Felix's response was to procrastinate. Why is procrastination one of Satan's most powerful weapons in deterring the spread of the gospel?