

NOTE: Paul travels to Macedonia with several named companions (Acts 20:4). Sometimes, Paul sends his companions off, and goes places on his own, before he rendezvouses with them again. Luke, the author of Acts, has begun to accompany Paul because of the many uses of “we” in the text.

1. Paul was typically guided in his travels by the Holy Spirit. What other force caused Paul to change his travel plans? Acts 18:12; Acts 20:3 (*Follow Paul’s steps on Map of Second Journey.*)
2. How do we know that it was common for Christians in a town to assemble to celebrate Eucharist on Sundays—not on the Sabbath--and for someone to preach? (Acts 20)
3. *Challenge Question:* Why do you think Christians came together for Eucharist and fellowship on Sunday rather than on Saturday, and where did they typically gather? (Acts 20:7-8)
4. Chapter 20 suggests that Paul was a boring and long-winded speaker. What happened to suggest this? (Acts 20:7-12)
5. Pentecost was a Jewish religious festival held in Jerusalem 50 days after Passover. Why was Paul in a hurry to get to Jerusalem? (Acts 20:16; See also Romans 15:25-28; 2 Cor 8:1-5)
6. Paul had spent three years in Ephesus, but on this journey, he did not stop there, but contacted and asked the Church elders of Ephesus to meet him in Miletus, 30 miles away. List at least five things Paul said to the elders to describe his time in Ephesus. (Acts 20:18-22)
7. What did believers in each city warn Paul would happen to him? (Acts 20:22-24)
8. What does the text mean when it describes Paul as, “a captive to the Spirit” (Acts 20:22), and “the Holy Spirit testifies to me”? (Acts 20:23)
9. What or who were the “fierce wolves” Paul warned about, and why? (Acts 20:29-32)
10. How did Paul demonstrate in his own life that *It is more blessed to give than to receive*? (Acts 20:33-36) (*NOTE: This saying of Jesus cannot be found in any of the four gospels, nor anywhere else in the bible. It is purely Paul.*)
11. *Personal Question* Have you had any experience in your life when it has been better to give rather than receive?
12. *Reflection:* But isn’t it really more blessed in a relationship to be able to give and receive?