

## ACTS

### 6. PAUL'S THIRD JOURNEY: 18:23-21:17

#### STUDY AHEAD

Paul's third "journey" really amounted to an extended 3-year stay in Ephesus. From that base, he planted churches throughout Asia Minor (see the 7 churches mentioned in Revelation 2 & 3) as well as writing letters to churches in Macedonia and Achaia. This was a critical time as Paul's ministry became deeper (strengthening existing churches) and wider (opening new churches).

- 1. Acts 18:24-28.** What role did Priscilla and Aquila play in the development of Apollos? Why do you think Priscilla is listed first in many of the references to this couple?
- 2. Acts 19.** Luke gives a lot of space to Paul's ministry in Ephesus. Read the chapter and try to identify the key elements that Luke highlights. (Note: If you have a Bible Dictionary or Encyclopedia or online resources, do some research on magical practices in ancient Ephesus. This will help you understand the narrative of Acts 19 even better.)
- 3. Acts 19:23-41.** Have you ever visited a city where religious "trinkets" and/or "souvenirs" were sold? Can you imagine the people selling those souvenirs being put out of business because you came into town and told everyone their souvenirs were worthless?
- 4. Acts 20:1-6.** Paul was on his final return trip to Jerusalem, making his way through cities and regions where he had previously planted churches. Who re-joined him at 20:5,6?
- 5. Acts 20:7-12.** Why do you think the story of Eutychus is included in the narrative? Why was it important for Paul to demonstrate the power of God in/through him at this particular time?
- 6. Acts 20:13-38.** Read Paul's "farewell address" to the elders of Ephesus. What do you learn about Paul's heart? What do you learn about the importance of spiritual leadership in churches?
- 7. Acts 21:1-17.** Paul was repeatedly warned about what would happen to him if/when he returned to Jerusalem. What was he warned of (21:11,12)? Why do you think he went in spite of these warnings?
- 8.** Which people in these chapters do you most identify with? Why?