



## **Paul's Missionary Travels**

### **A Bible Study Series for the Locked Down Days**

In this series of seven Bible Studies, we are exploring Paul's missionary travels. These studies have been inspired by two events - firstly some time in prison (!) as a prison chaplain and second by spending Lent reading Steve Chalke's excellent new book on Paul - *The Lost Message of Paul* (SPCK 2020). Have we misread Paul? He thinks so. I tend to agree. To get through to Paul, we need to read Paul through the lens of his life and then look at our life. Maybe these studies will help you do that. Good luck and send me any work or comments on these studies. Consider them a correspondence course for lockdown.

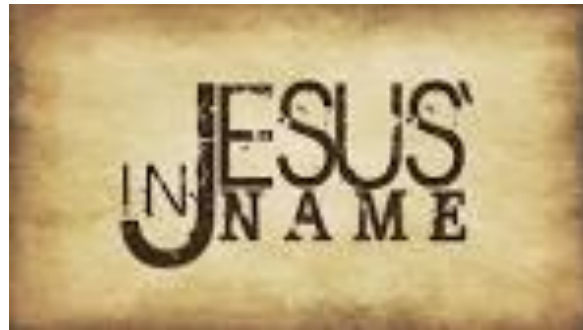
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**Your Study of Paul in weekly parts! No binder included!**

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## Week 6

### In the Name of Jesus Acts 19: 1-20:12



We left Paul in chapter 18 traveling throughout Galatia and Phrygia “strengthening all the disciples.” In this chapter he returns to Ephesus, where he settles for two and a half years.

Great work is done there during this time, and it radiates out to other cities in the province of Asia. Luke vividly portrays the effect of Paul's ministry in just a few scenes in this chapter.

1. How would you like to see the power of God revealed in your Christian community?

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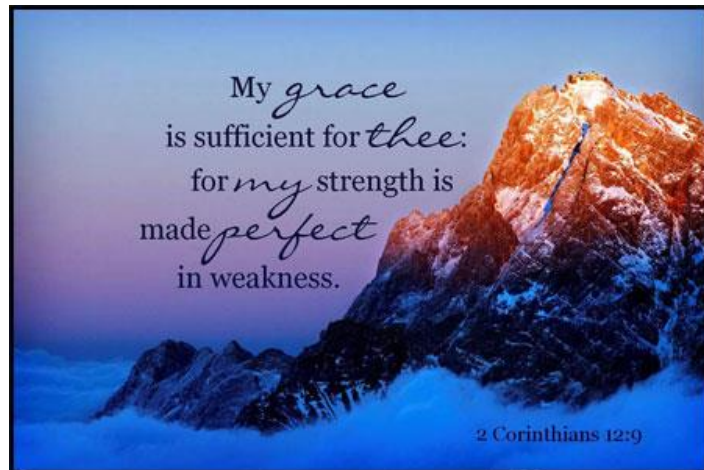
2. Read Acts 19. Re-read the passage and describe the incidences where you see God's power revealed.

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3. Wherever the gospel is communicated with effectiveness there will be both positive and negative responses. What are the positive results throughout this passage? What are the negative responses?

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4. In 19:1-7 Paul encounters some disciples. What is his concern for them? What did he do to interact with them effectively?

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5. What do you see in Paul's relationship with the disciples that might help you in relating to non-Christian friends?

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6. Throughout this entire passage it is evident that Paul has a plan for communicating the gospel. What actual plan does Paul have for his ministry in Ephesus (19:8-10)?

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7. What is the cause of the riot in Ephesus (vv. 23-41)? How was it settled?

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8. Read Acts 20:1-12. Paul continued to travel and encourage believers as he preached the gospel. What effect did the episode in 20:7-12 have on the crowd?

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9. What "modern day" positive responses have you seen as a result of the gospel being communicated with power? Were there any negative responses?

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10. How can you prepare yourself for both positive and negative responses as you are a part of communicating the gospel of Christ?

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THE WEAK." ISAIAH 40:29**



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## Personal Journaling and Notes for Reflection