

Lesson 1: Paul's Ministry in Corinth

A. Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ

1. 1 Corinthians 1:1, 2 Corinthians 1:1 How did Paul identify himself when writing to Christians in Corinth? (see also Romans 1:1)
2. What is the significance of the words "by/through the will of God"? Galatians 1:1
3. According to the Apostle Peter (Acts 1:21-22), an apostle needed to be a witness of Christ's resurrection. Did Paul qualify? 1 Corinthians 15:3-10 (see also Acts 9:1-6)

B. Paul's ministry in Macedonia and Athens

1. Why did the Paul include Macedonia in his second missionary journey? Acts 16:6-10
2. What cities in Macedonia did Paul visit before traveling south to Athens and Corinth?
3. What lessons did Paul learn in Athens before traveling southwest on the Peloponnesian peninsula to Corinth? Acts 17:16-21, 22-31, 32-34

C. Paul's ministry in Corinth

1. What do you know about the ancient city of Corinth?
2. How did Dr. Luke describe Paul's first visit to Corinth? Acts 18:1-8
3. Why did Paul devote time to tent-making when there were so many in Corinth who needed to hear the good news about Jesus?
4. What lesson can we learn from Paul's transition from the synagogue in Corinth to the house of Justus?
5. What message from the Lord convinced Paul to extend his stay in Corinth? Acts 18:9-11
6. Who opposed Paul's ministry in Corinth and what unexpected support did he receive? Acts 18:12-17
7. What lessons can we learn from Paul's experience in Corinth for our lives today?

D. Paul's letters to Christians in Corinth

1. How many letters did Paul write to Christians in Corinth and why did he write them? 1 Corinthians 1:2-3, 4:14, 2 Corinthians 2:4, 2 Peter 1:19-21
2. Where was Paul located when he wrote his first letter to Christians in Corinth? 1 Corinthians 16:5-9
3. Who alerted Paul regarding some challenges Christians were facing in the church in Corinth? 1 Corinthians 1:11
4. Who wrote a letter to Paul seeking counsel about various issues regarding how to live as followers of Jesus in a pagan culture? 1 Corinthians 7:1a
5. What are some challenges we are facing today as followers of Jesus? Where can we turn for wise counsel? Psalm 32:8, 119:105, John 16:13, etc.