

YOUNG TWIGS

year 3, week 27

Acts 16-17; 20:17-38

The disciples obey the command to, “Go and make disciples of all nations.” Just like today, they met both acceptance and opposition! How do your experiences in sharing the gospel compare with Paul’s experiences?

Observation: What does it say?

1. Read Acts 16:1-17:34 and 20:17-38. Mark *Jesus, God, Holy Spirit*, and the names of the cities.

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| | <i>who and where</i> | <i>what is the message?</i> | <i>who accepts the message?</i> | <i>who resists the message?</i> |
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| <i>Ac 16:11-24</i> | | | | |
| <i>Ac 16:25-40</i> | | | | |
| <i>Ac 17:1-9</i> | | | | |
| <i>Ac 17:10-15</i> | | | | |
| <i>Ac 17:16-34</i> | | | | |

3. Write themes for Ac 16 and 17 and record them on p. 1820 in your NAS Bible.
4. Look at the map on page 1794 and trace Paul's journey in Ac 16 and 17.
5. In Ac 20:17–38, Paul meets with elders from the church at Ephesus. What warnings does he give them? What are his final words to them? What is their response to Paul?

Interpretation: What does the author mean?

6. In Ac 16:27, why was the jailer about to kill himself? When he discovers that the prisoners did not escape, what is his response? Why do you think he responded in this way?
7. Compare the speech that Paul made in Ac 13:16–41 and the speech he made in Ac 17:22–32. How are these speeches alike? How are they different?
8. In Ac 16:6–7, the disciples were forbidden to speak by whom? Can you think of why they might have been forbidden to speak?

Application: therefore, what shall I do?

9. In order to reach people with the message, Paul uses different “approaches.” Consider some people to whom you have been talking to about Jesus. What are some different approaches that you could take with them? (neighbors, parents/family members, friends who claim to be Christians, friends who are not Christians, etc.) Talk about at least two different approaches or ways you might share your faith with them.
10. Do you know someone who was persecuted for their faith? Be ready to share a story with the group. If you don't know anyone, go to persecution.com and find a story.