

*Basic Tips: 1.) Use a translation you can understand. The NIRV or The Message are good starters. 2.) Use a kids Bible with kids. 3.) Keep a pencil and notebook around to write down questions, observations, and conclusions. 4.) Have fun. Use your imagination and your brain.*

**June 21-28, 2020**

**What is the Church?**

Day 1	Acts 18:18-28
Day 2	Acts 19:1-22
Day 3	Acts 19:23-41
Day 4	Acts 20:1-12
Day 5	Acts 20:13-38

**Questions to Guide You:**

While we are not gathering in our building every week, it is the perfect time to reconsider what is the Church? We'll start by reading in the book of Acts.

- 1.) Before reading, what has God been teaching you this week about the church? About yourself? About justice?
- 2.) Why does Paul leave Corinth or Ephesus, when there still seems to be work to do? What give him the courage to decline the Ephesians' petitions to stay longer? When have you made a similar decision?
- 3.) What stands out to you about Apollos? Who does he remind you of? How should we imitate Apollos? How should we imitate Priscilla and Aquila?
- 4.) Who is the Holy Spirit? How do you know if you have been given the Holy Spirit? Is it necessary to speak in tongues to be filled with the Spirit?
- 5.) What is the difference between John's baptism and Christian baptism?
- 6.) What do you learn of the power of Jesus' name? When have you seen people without faith invoke the name of Jesus to become more powerful or convincing? The sons of Sceva show us half-hearted faith, while the sorcerers burn their tools in full submission. What prices have you paid for half-measures? What would full submission look like?
- 7.) Why are Demetrius and the silversmiths so upset? Who does the gospel of Jesus threaten? Which businesses would be hurt if large numbers of people converted to Jesus in the U.S.A.?
- 8.) What can we learn from the city clerk (vs35)? How can we imitate him, during this time?

- 9.) Why does Paul keep so many companions as he travels to teach? Why does he pick someone from nearly every province to become his traveling companion? Who are you travelling with and inviting along the way to learn from you and prepare for leadership? Who are you discipling? When are you with them? What else could you invite them to do with you?
- 10.) What does Eutychus teach us? Why is this story in the Bible? What does it show us about church? About God? About Preachers?
- 11.) What does Paul believe God is calling him to do? Why does he share this with the Ephesian elders? What would you have done if you were the elders? If you were Paul?
- 12.) What advice does he give the elders? What warnings?