

INTRODUCTION

- * All Scripture is inspired by God (2 Timothy 3:16). Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21).
- * Why does Luke spend much time on certain portions of Paul's trips and moves quickly through other areas? The final answer ... God wanted us to know those parts and determined that the other parts were not needed for our edification!
- * Last week, we considered the extent and effect of God's work in Ephesus through Paul. Paul spent at least two years in Ephesus at that time.
- * Today, we come to another transitional time in Paul's missionary journey ... and yet God chooses to give us a couple of vignettes along Paul's journey back to Jerusalem. We will consider those vignettes and their significance over the next couple of weeks.
- * Specifically, today we will consider his stop at Troas and the gathering of the church during that occasion.

INSTRUCTION

I. THE M_____ (v. 1-6)

A. The Advance Party (v. 4)

1. SOPATER OF BEREIA
2. ARISTARCHUS, SECUNDUS and GAIUS OF THESSALONICA (cf. Acts 19:29)
 - * Aristarchus (cf. Acts 27:2; Colossians 4:10; Philemon 1:24) ... "best ruling/ruler" ... of the ruling class
 - * Secundus - Latin "second" ... a common term for a slave (cf. Galatians 3:27-29; 1 Cor 12:13; Col 3:11-13)
 - * Gaius (cf. Romans 16:23; 1 Corinthians 1:14; 3 John 1:1)
3. TIMOTHY OF DERBE (cf. Acts 16:1)
4. TYCHICUS AND TROPHIMUS OF ASIA
 - * Tychicus (cf. Ephesians 6:21; Colossians 4:7; 2 Timothy 4:12; Titus 3:12)
 - * Trophimus ... an Ephesian (cf. Acts 21:29; 2 Timothy 4:20)

B. The Main Party (v. 6)

II. THE M_____ (v. 7-11)

A. W_____ (v. 7)

B. W_____ (v. 7)

- * "Breaking Bread" Used as a C_____ Meal (cf. Mt 14:19; 15:36; 26:26; Luke 24: 30; Acts 2: 46; 27:35)
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C. W_____

III. THE M_____ (v. 9-10,12; 1 Kings 17:21)

IV. THE M_____ (v. 13-16)

A. The T_____

B. The T_____

INTROSPECTION

- * What do you see as your purpose in the body of Christ? How are YOU serving in the Kingdom of God?
- * What do you see as the purpose for the gathering of the church? Why did you come today?
- * How committed are you to learn God's word?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * Are there ways that we, as an assembly, could (or should) refine how we "do church"?