

EFFECTIVE WORK FOR THE LORD

Introduction: Paul labored with success on the mission field because he did not give up when he was attacked by hostile forces in Ephesus or when he was collecting an offering for the poor in Jerusalem.

Lesson Aim: Abound in the work of the Lord; do not give up; so you can be rewarded.

Memory Verse: Always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord – 1 Cor 15:58b

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer

I. Paul's Ministry in Ephesus — 19:1-41

1. What kind of disciples did Paul find in Ephesus? 19:1, 3
2. What did Paul ask them? 19:2
3. What was the answer these men gave to Paul? 19:2
4. What was the second question that Paul asked these men? 19:3
5. What was their answer? 19:3
6. Since they had repented of their sins, why weren't they saved? 19:4
7. What did they do to be saved? 19:4-5
8. What did Paul do to them after they were saved? 19:6
9. What was the result of Paul's lengthy teaching ministry in Ephesus? 19:10
10. What caused the name of the Lord Jesus to be magnified? 19:13-17
11. What did some of the believers do? 19:18-19
12. Why did the silversmiths start a riot in Ephesus? 19:23-41

II. Paul's Ministry in Europe — 20:1-6

13. Why did Paul go to Macedonia and Greece (Achaia)? 20:1-2; 2 Cor 8-9
14. Why did Paul change his plans and not sail to Syria? 20:3

III. Paul's Ministry in Troas — 20:7-12

15. On what day did the believers in Troas break bread (have the Lord's Supper)? 20:7
16. What happened while Paul was preaching his sermon? 20:8-9
17. What did Paul do that comforted the believers? 20:10, 12

IV. Paul's Ministry in Miletus — 20:13-38

18. Why was Paul in a hurry to go to Jerusalem? 20:16
19. Who met Paul in Miletus? 20:17-18
20. What was Paul's message to the Jews and Greeks (Gentiles)? 20:21
21. Why did Paul say he was pure from the blood of all men? 20:26-27
22. What did Paul say would happen to the church at Ephesus? 20:28-30
23. What would build up these pastors (and their church)? 20:32