VIOLENCE AND VICTORIES IN MISSIONARY WORK

Introduction: Paul had many victories while toiling in Europe, but violence tested his tenacity.

Lesson Aim: We must stand firm against violence and trust the Lord for victory in His work.

Memory Verse: Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord – I Cor 15:58

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer

I. Paul's Ministry in Thessalonica — 17:1-9

1. How long did Paul preach in the synagogue in Thessalonica? 17:1-2
2. What did Paul tell the people about Jesus? 17:3
3. Who received Paul's message? 17:4
4. How did they show that they were true believers? 1 Ths 1:8-10
5. Why did Paul leave this city under the cover of night? 17:5-10

II. Paul's Ministry at Berea — 17:10-14

6. How did the Jews in Berea treat Paul's message about Jesus? 17:10-11
7. Did anyone receive Paul's message? 17:12
8. Why did Paul leave this city? 17:13

III. Paul's Ministry in Athens — 17:15-34

9. What did Paul find in Athens that greatly disturbed him? 17:16
10. Where did Paul preach about Jesus in Athens? 17:17
11. Why did philosophers take Paul to the Areopagus? 17:18-21
12. How did Paul begin his message? 17:22-23
13. What did Paul tell the philosophers about God? Use these attributes for answers: good, sovereign; omnipresent; omnipotent, righteous/just, life, holy, infinite (limitless), patient.
14. Two are in 17:24?
15. In 17:25?
16. In 17:26?
17. In 17:27?
18. In 17:28-29?
19. Two are in 17:30?
20. In 17:31?
21. What part of Paul's message caused Paul to be mocked? 17:32
22. Who was saved after Paul's message? 17:34

IV. Paul's Ministry in Corinth — 18:1-18

23 Why did Paul leave the Jews and preach to the Gentiles? 18:5-6

24. Where was the house of Justus located? 18:7
25. Who received Jesus as Savior when Paul preached in the house of Justus? 18:7-8
26. What did Paul learn from a vision that he received from the Lord? 18:9-10
27. How long did Paul minister in Corinth? 18:11

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