

Acts 20; 21:1-26

You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you ... I have declared ... that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.

Acts 20:20-21

## Readings this week:

S Acts 20:1-6  
M Acts 20:7-12  
T Acts 20:13-24  
W Acts 20:25-38  
Th Acts 21:1-6  
F Acts 21:7-16  
S Acts 21:17-26

The people in the pictures represent what happened in four different places. Look at the verses and finish the statements to summarise what happened as if you were there. Mention where each place is. All the references are in Acts.



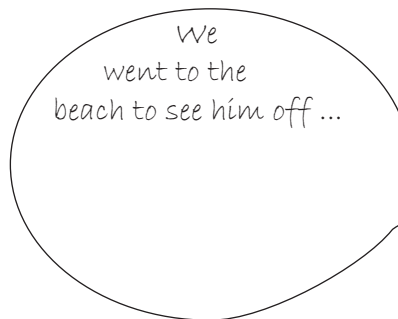
20:7-12

I'll  
never forget  
when I last saw Paul  
...



20:15-38

When  
he last spoke to  
us ...



21:3-6

We  
went to the  
beach to see him off ...



21:8-15

I  
warned him ...

Make a list of the things Paul thinks are important priorities during these incidents.

Paul knew he was unlikely to see many of these people again. How do you think he was feeling?

Paul tried to be a good influence and leave a good impression with people. Do you do the same? How could you do better? Discuss your ideas.

Put the answer to the first clue in the spaces on the next line, and so on.

THE DAY OF THE WEEK THEY CAME TOGETHER	_____
_____ELL FROM THE _____D _____OREY	_____
H _____REIN _____PS _____AIRS ROOMMAN _____OF _____RCHLI _____TENED	_____
_____HENB _____KE AND _____TETHI _____	_____
_____OA _____D THIS _____N _____SAILED AWAY	_____
PAUL _____ENT FORT _____ESE FROM _____LET US TO _____E _____HESUS	_____
H _____TO _____TH _____M TO _____SE _____VE THE FLOCK AS _____THI _____	_____
THI _____REAC _____ED _____VE _____Y WHERE HE _____ECLARE _____	_____
DOING THIS THEY _____SSED _____K _____EEL IN _____WN WITH _____HI _____	_____
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Every moment he had, Paul used to preach. He didn't waste any time. Do you make good use of your time every day? What do you waste time on? Is it OK to waste time? Is it OK to be busy all the time?

Which Bible examples can you think of to teach you how to use your time wisely and well?

## Digging Deeper

### What happened at Ephesus later?

If you haven't already done so find Ephesus on a map.

What happened to Ephesus after Paul left? Do you remember who was going to look after the Christians at Ephesus and what he had to do? 1 Timothy 1:3

Who was going to help Timothy and Paul communicate? Ephesians 6:21, 2 Timothy 4:12

In about 70 AD John received a vision from Jesus. We call it Revelation, there was a message for the church at Ephesus. Revelation 2:1-7. What were the people like in these times? (v2-3) and was there anything against them? (v4)

Make a list of the other 6 churches that Jesus sent a message to through John. Chapters 2 and 3

We don't think Paul visited these other churches but there was perhaps a certain amount of communication between them and the church at Ephesus and also with the church at Colosse. Colossians 4:16

Find the seven churches and also Colosse on a map.

