

The Fellowship of the Gospel

Acts 20:1-16

January 31, 2021

1. Spread **encouragement** (1-2)

2. Make the most of downtime to **write** (3a)

Paul likely wrote Romans during three months in Corinth

He is headed to Jerusalem with a **gift** for the church
(Rom. 15:25-26; Acts 19:21; 20:16; 1Cor. 16:1-3; 2Cor. 8:16-9:5)

3. Stay flexible and keep your eyes open (3b)

4. Travel with **trusted** friends (4-6)

Sopater (Rom. 16:21) from Berea

Aristarchus (19:29; 27:2) and Secundus from Thessalonica

Gaius (19:29) from Derbe; see also Acts 14:6

Timothy (16:1-3 and 19:22); pastor at **Ephesus**

Tychicus

“**dear** brother and faithful servant” (Eph. 6:21-22)

sent to “encourage your hearts” (Col. 4:7-8)

dependable; **reliable** (2 Tim. 4:12; Titus 3:12)

Trophimus (2 Tim. 4:20)

5. Use every moment to **disciple** others (7-12)

Significance of meeting on the “**first** day of the week”
(Mark 16:2; 1 Cor. 16:2; Rev. 1:10)

“breaking bread” can be used of sharing in the Lord’s Supper
(Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 10:16) sharing a meal together (Acts 2:46)

God’s grace is enough for you even if you are **dead** !

6. Keep **moving** (13-16)

On Your Own (better with others)

1. Do you think of the apostle Paul as a team player or a solo missionary? Would you have liked to travel with him? Explain

2. https://catholic-resources.org/Bible/Pauline_Associates.htm
(The weblink above is the most comprehensive listing I have found that includes Paul’s associates and coworkers.) What are the advantages of traveling with others? Disadvantages?

3. “One of the highest priorities for Paul in ministry is that his people will be equipped theologically and spiritually to persevere after he is gone.” Acts, Darrell Bock, p622
How are you being equipped “theologically and spiritually” to persevere in Christ? Who are you equipping to outlast you?

4. When Paul raised Eutychus, it was an important display of God’s power through His chosen servant. Match the person with the miracle and the Scripture by drawing lines.

Person	Miracle	Scripture
Jesus	Dorcas	2 Kings 4:32-37
Elijah	Widow of Nain’s son	Acts 9:36-41
Peter	Lazarus	John 11:38-44
Paul	Jairus’ daughter	1 Kings 17:19-23
Elisha	Eutychus	Luke 7:11-15
Jesus	Widow of Zarephath’s son	Acts 20:9-12
Jesus	Shunamite’s son	Luke 8:49-55