

Round the World in 80 days

Studies in Acts 17-20

***Galatia and Ephesus:*
*Strengthening Believers,
Building Leaders*
Acts 18.18-28**



Paul's second missionary journey

The importance of ...

1. Staying in touch with our home base, vs19-22

- *the joy of being able to delegate, vs19-22*

*Ephesus was given to Priscilla and Aquila
- famed for its religion*

Paul well-received vs19-20

but needing to move on v21

- *the importance of keeping people informed v22*

the mother church in Jerusalem

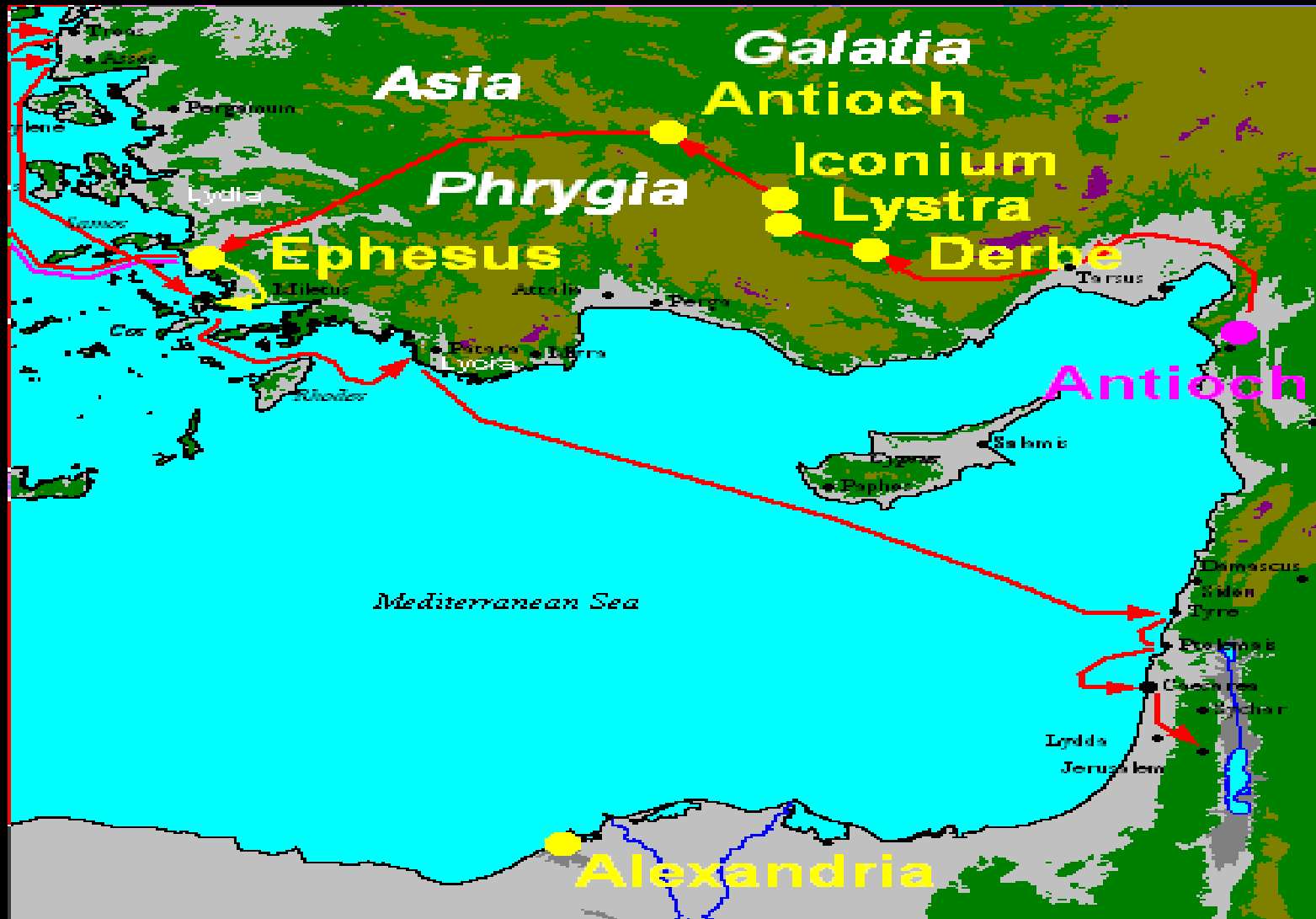
- to safeguard against Christian legalism

- *the thrill of reporting back vs22-23; 14.26-27*

be an eager listener!

The importance of ...

2. Strengthening every disciple, v23



Paul's Third Missionary Journey

The importance of ...

2. Strengthening every disciple, v23

• ***Stay true to the faith, 14.22***

feed on God's Word Mat 4.4; John 6. 63

- be like the Bereans 17.11

• ***Be prepared for hardships, 14.22***

lots of them! Mat 16.24; John 15.20

- discipleship is about Jesus being Lord

• ***Appoint mature overseers, 14.23***

Christian leadership

is about spiritual nurturing

• ***Undergird believers with prayer, 14.23***

the Lord strengthens in response to prayer

The importance of ...

3. Growing Good Leaders, vs24-28

Christian leadership

- is like a relay race 2 Tim 2.2

What does it take to be a good church leader?

Apollos – a good case study

a well-educated man from Alexandria

Christian leadership - is a noble task 1 Tim 3.1

a) a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures v24

know God's Word to know God well

b) an accurate teacher v25

correctly handling God's Word

1 Tim 3.2; Tit 1.9; 2 Tim 2.15

The importance of ...

3. Growing Good Leaders, vs24-28

a) a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures v24

b) an accurate teacher v25

*c) a real enthusiast v25; Rom 12.11
passionate about Jesus, his church*

*d) willing to learn vs25-26 Prov 9.9
make good any gaps in understanding*

*e) eager to serve v27
wherever God leads*

f) gifts recognised by church v27

*g) leadership is proven in practise vs27-28
leaders are a great help to people 1 Cor 3.6*