

# Galatians and Ephesians – Lesson 4 Workbook

## Paul's Spiritual Relationship

### Workbook Activity

#### Friends for Life

1. What criteria do you look for in others before starting a friendship?

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2. What are the keys to life-long friendships?

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3. Do you have a stake in the spiritual wellbeing of your friends?

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4. Are you willing to lovingly confront a friend if he or she messes up? Do you encourage your friend when he or she does well?

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#### Acts 18:18-21

1. Why do you think Paul chose not to stay longer?

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2. Do you think Paul left a positive or negative image of himself?

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**Acts 19:1-7 & 19:8-12**

1. What do you think is more amazing: preaching for 3 months straight (verse 8), lecturing for 2 years (verse 10), or the miraculous healings (verses 11-12)? Why?

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2. Verse 10 says that "all the Jews and Greeks who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord." Based on our previous conversation about the city, how could this be??

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3. This is the longest Paul stayed anywhere (almost three years). What do you think made him stay so long?

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**Acts 19:13-20**

1. What do you make of these events?

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2. How do you think an evil spirit "knew Paul" (verse 15)?

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3. There was great public repentance (verses 18-19). How did this "help the word spread" (verse 20)?

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**Acts 19:23-41**

1. What do you think being a part of the riot would've been like if you were an Ephesian citizen?

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2. Why do you think the disciples didn't let Paul participate in the defense of the faith (verse 30)?

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3. What do you think verse 32 means?

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4. Even their city official defends Paul and company (verse 37). What does that say about the reputation of the missionaries?

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**Acts 20:17 – 21:1**

1. What do you sense is the tone of their meeting?

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2. What does Paul tell the elders to do (see verse 28)?

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3. Why do you think Paul says they may never see each other again (verse 25)?

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4. What is significant about the language in verses 20:36-21:1?

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**Ephesians 1:1-10**

1. How many times does Paul say we / us / etc.?

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2. What does Paul say about the Ephesians in verse 1 that is significant?

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3. How do you sense Paul feels about these people?

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**Paul's Relationship with Ephesians**

1. How much energy do you think Paul put into the Ephesians from what we know in Acts?

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2. In a verse in Acts, Paul says that he wept for them as he served them. Has your love for other believers ever been that strong?

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3. Can you think of other biblical relationships that were this strong?

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**Our Relationship with Others**

1. How much energy do you put into your relationships with other people, especially other Christians?

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2. What would a modern-day Paul/Ephesians relationship look like?

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3. Do you think relationships similar to that of Paul and the Ephesians exist in the Church today? If not, what is the Church's reputation related to relationships?

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4. How do you think the way we treat one another causes other people to view us? How much energy do you put into your relationships with other people, especially other Christians?

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5. What can we learn from the relationship between Paul and the Ephesians?

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**Homework**

- Memorize Psalm 119:63
- Work on strengthening your relationships with others, invest time and energy on your friendships.
- Seek characteristics you see in Biblical friendships, so you may use these same attributes to strengthen your own relationships.