

ACTS

LIVING ON MISSION

Acts 18:1-17

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BELONG

Get to Know One Another

How would you describe your communication style in 3 words?

BELIEVE

Read this Week's Scripture

This week we're moving into **Acts 18**. And for the last several chapters of Acts, we've read about the ministry stress and challenges that Paul had faced. This week is really no different. Paul moves from Athens into Corinth and immediately faces pushback from the leadership in the synagogue. However, in Corinth, Paul also found strength. Despite ministry frustrations, God refreshed and renewed Paul's ministry by providing him companions, blessing his ministry efforts, and affirming him through His promises **[verses 9-10]**. **Today**, just like Paul - we may find ourselves tired and feeling hopeless about the work we are doing or ministry we may be in. And, just like Paul - we can find a lot of hope in companions God has sent to work alongside of us, and the promises of His Word.

BUILD

Engage the Scripture

Have someone in your group read **Acts 18:1-6**

Question 1: Who does Paul meet when he gets to Corinth **[18:1-3]**?

- What facts about Aquila & Priscilla most stand out to you?
- What does Paul have in common with this duo?
 - What does this detail tell us that Paul needs in order to continue his ministry? **[vs. 3]**

Question 2: As we move into **Acts 18**, what kind of trials had Paul experienced in Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea & Athens - before arriving in Corinth?

Question 3: In **verse 6**, we see the word "revile." What does this word mean and what kind of response does it show us that Paul was receiving?

- How does Paul respond?
 - What does "he shook out his garments," mean? **[Does Luke 9:1-5 help?]**
- What kind of "place" do you think Paul is at emotionally, spiritually and physically?

QUOTE: *"The Road to sorrow has been well trodden, it is the regular sheep track to heaven, and all the flock of God have had to pass along it."* - Charles Spurgeon

- What is Spurgeon trying to say here?
- Do you agree with this quote?

Question 4: It's been said that loneliness is a major epidemic in our society. What causes loneliness?

- When have you had a time when you experienced loneliness?
- How do we fight back against being isolated and alone?
- What does Paul change in his ministry at the end of **verse 6**?

Have someone in your group read **Acts 18:7-11**

Question 5: What is the response from his new target audience?

Question 6: In **verses 9-10**, how did the Lord appear to Paul?

- What did He tell Paul in his vision?

Question 7: In **verse 11**, what Christlike characteristics does Paul demonstrate after receiving this vision from the Lord?

Question 8: Despite experiencing some rejection and opposition in the synagogue, God gave Paul the confidence to stay in Corinth.

- When has God give you the confidence to endure despite a difficult situation?

Have someone in your group read **Acts 18:12-17**

Question 9: What do you think Paul was thinking in **verses 12-13**?

- How did that change in **verse 14**?
- After reading these verses, how did God fulfill His promise to protect Paul in Corinth?

Quote: *“To be cast down is often the best thing that could happen to us.” -Charles Spurgeon*

- What are the differences between the 2 quotes from Spurgeon?
- Do you agree with this quote?

BEGIN

Response and Prayer

How should it change the way you pray, think, speak or act this week?

- Spend some group time-sharing requests and praying specifically for them.
- Spend some time praying for FBC and how God is working in and through FBC Portland.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Blue Letter Bible: [Acts 18](#): Check out the QR code to learn more.



Precept Austin: [Acts 18](#): Check out the QR code to learn more.

