

ACTS

LIVING ON MISSION

Acts 18:22-19:7

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BELONG

Get to Know One Another

Has there been a time that you wanted to grow spiritually, but you didn't seem to have the power to do it?

BELIEVE

Read this Week's Scripture

Last week, we saw Paul face off against the Jews in Corinth - and let's just say this...he didn't handle that interaction very well. Very quickly, God gave him assurance through the community in Corinth, through His Word and through His promises. Through God's strength, Paul stayed in Corinth for about a year and a half - which reveals the restorative work of God on Paul's heart. Today, we will spend time finishing up **Chapter 18** and then dive quickly into **Acts 19:1-7**. In our time today, we will see that Paul returns to Antioch before his trip to Ephesus. This marks the beginning of his third and final missionary journey. This section of Acts reinforces the importance of using God's Word to teach and disciple others.

BUILD

Engage the Scripture

Have someone in your group read **Acts 18:18-23**

Question 1: Where does Paul go after his stay in Corinth? **[18:18]**

- Who goes with him and where do they go separate ways?
- Why do you think Luke mentions that Paul got his "lettuce" chopped?

Question 2: Though Paul got a little upset at the Jews in Corinth - and turned his back - where do we find him preaching in Ephesus? **[18:19]**

- Why is this significant?

Question 3: In **chapter 18**, we see a different view of Paul - in relation to ministry. I think it is safe to say that - in trial and in suffering - Paul receives strength from the church, from the promises of God and God's Word.

- Which of these 3 things do you turn to when you face stress, anxiety or difficulty?
- Which one do you tend to neglect? Why?

HOW WOULD YOU FINISH THIS STATEMENT?

- **Knowing that God is** _____ **shows me that I am** _____.
 - Is there a step you can take today - or this week - to live in light of this truth?

Question 4: What do Paul's follow-up visits **[18:23]** teach us about the importance of discipleship and the value of the local church?

Have someone in your group read [Acts 18:24-28](#)

Question 5: Who are we introduced to in [Acts 18:24-26](#)?

- What are his unique qualifications for teaching?
- What does he speak and teach about? [*What was the baptism of John and how is it different from the baptism we practice now? Why is our practice different?*]
- How does he speak and teach?
- What is the knowledge he lacks?
- What about the ministry of Apollos most sticks out to you? Why?

Question 6: What can we learn about discipling others from the example of Priscilla & Aquila?

- In [verses 27-28](#), what is the “fruit” of Priscilla & Aquila’s investment in Apollos?
- In what ways do you see Priscilla, Aquilla, Apollos and Paul working together as partners? [*Have someone read 1 Corinthians 3:5-8 for some help.*]

Have someone in your group read [Acts 19:1-7](#)

Question 7: Why do you think Paul thought it was necessary to question the disciples of John the Baptist?

- What does Paul’s conversation with the disciples of John teach us about the need to disciple/ evangelize religious people?

Question 8: Apollos and the disciples in Ephesus needed believers who were more mature in their faith to guide them. Do you think you have a “teachable” spirit that accepts the instruction [or guidance] of others?

- Do you think you have a generous spirit that looks to teach others what you’ve already learned?
- What are some things you are doing OR can do to grow as a teacher and a disciple?

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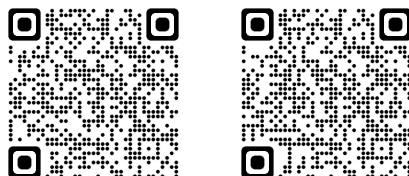
Response and Prayer

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](#) & [Acts 19](#): Check out the QR code to learn more.



Precept Austin: [Acts 18](#) & [Acts 19](#): Check out the QR code to learn more.

