

Life Together Group Questions
December 6, 2015
Acts 18:1-17

1. The Lord orchestrates circumstances in order for Paul to meet Aquila & Priscilla in vss. 1-3. Are there some people in your life like Aquila & Priscilla with whom you have a kindred spirit bond whether you are currently involved in each other's lives or not? Did the Lord orchestrate any circumstances in order for you to meet?
2. Why did Paul work? See Acts 20:33-34; 1 Cor. 9: 3-18; 2 Cor. 11:7; 1 Thes. 2:9; 2 Thes. 3:8-10. In what scenario is this a good policy? In what scenario might it be detrimental?
3. What did Paul do in the synagogue? (vss. 4-5) We've seen Paul do this before; is it a good approach? Why or why not?
4. Some in the synagogue become abusive in vs. 6. What is this shaking out business and Paul's comments? (see Luke 9:4-5; Acts 13:49-51; Ezek. 33:3-5, 8-9ff)
5. Have you ever had someone become abusive with you as you have tried to share the Gospel with them? How did you respond? How should we respond?
6. What do you think was the impact of losing Titius Justice and Crispus? How about moving just next door? (vss. 7-8) Should Paul have felt bad for this? Why or why not?
7. The first thing the Lord says to Paul in his vision is, "do not be afraid." Did Paul have reason to fear? Has the Lord ever said to you "do not be afraid"? In what circumstance? How did the Lord meet you?
8. What else do you see in this vision that would encourage Paul? Is there something in this vision that encourages you? Has the Lord ever spoken to you to encourage or assure you? What did that look like?
9. How has God encouraged you in difficult times from the scriptures? Read Hebrews 13:5-6 How have you taken that promise to heart in following Christ?
10. Pastor Nathan mentioned that Paul was probably in a place where he was perhaps weary from the cost of ministry. Should we be surprised that ministry takes its toll? How do we keep from burning out? (Jn 15:5-8; 2 Cor. 4:1; Gal. 6:9,10)
11. How does this passage help you take another step in Pursuing Jesus?
12. How does this passage help equip you to serve Christ and His body?
13. How does this passage help you share Christ with others that need to know Him?
14. What is a question that was not asked about this passage that you would like to ask?

SERMON OUTLINE:

- A Divine Association (vss. 1-3)
- A Designated Approach (vss.4-5)
- A Dividing Abuse (vss.6-8)
- A Divine Assurance (vss.9-11)
- A Demonstrative Acquittal (vss.12-17)