Beyond Discouragement to Mission

Acts 18:1-11

#1: Paul's Arrival (v. 1)

¹After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth.

- 1) Context for the following verses
- 2) A moment of reflection on our culture
- 3) A glimpse into Paul's missionary strategy

#2: Gospel Partnerships (vs. 2-5)

² And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, ³ and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. ⁴ And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks. ⁵ When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus.

#3: A Change of Direction (vs. 6-8)

⁶ And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles." ⁷ And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. ⁸ Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized.

#4: An Encouraging Vision (vs. 9-11)

⁹ And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, ¹⁰ for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people." ¹¹ And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

#5: Implications

- "...for I have many in this city who are my people"
- Acknowledge that "Jesus is the Christ"
- Acknowledge you Partners in Ministry
- Embrace a Change of Plans
- Receive the Lord's Presence