



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

May 28, 2023

Acts 18:1-11

“Beyond Discouragement to Mission”

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

1. Last week we talked about how the idolatry in Athens "provoked" Paul's spirit within him. Based on the context that Pastor Walter provided for us, what provoked Paul's spirit as he transitioned from Athens to Corinth?
2. Paul's missional strategy had him traveling to many of the cultural epicenters of the ancient world. What were some of the purposes of this plan?
 - a. What are some examples of how you can follow suit as you seek to influence others with the gospel?
3. It wasn't a coincidence that Paul arrived in Corinth around the same time that Priscilla and Aquila did. What does Paul's relationship with this couple teach you about God, the same God that we trust and believe in?
 - a. How have you seen God work through "gospel partnerships" at your workplace?
 - b. How can we as a GG work to grow "gospel partnerships" within our group, specifically throughout the summer?
4. Pastor Walter mentioned that our role in the salvation of others is to faithfully "proclaim the truth of Jesus as we try to live consistently with the message we proclaim" and leave the rest to the Holy Spirit. Why is the consistency between belief and behavior so important?
 - a. How do you personally fight the temptation to believe another person's salvation is up to you?
 - b. How does the Holy Spirit's role in the mission of God help you to cross boundaries (cultural, racial, ethnic, socio-economic, generational, etc.) in your community with the gospel?
5. Paul was grieved by his need to adjust his missionary journey from the Jews to the Gentiles. Why was Paul's shift from pursuing the Jews with the gospel to pursuing the Gentiles so monumental?
 - a. What was the outcome of his decision?
 - b. When has God used a difficult, but faithful decision in your life to bring about a way better outcome than imagined?
6. God clearly communicates to Paul that he needs to stay in Corinth ministering to the people there. Knowing that God doesn't always speak to us directly through a vision, how do you try and discern God's direction for your life?