

# ACTS

## Bible Study

2018-2019



Lesson: 21  
Acts 18:1-17  
Paul in Corinth

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Read this week's scripture and answer the questions below. As you read, consider how these verses fit into what you are seeing or experiencing today. Prepare to share with your small group anything that jumped out at you, confused you, encouraged you, challenged or convicted you. Then take some time to read and meditate on the psalm of the week.

Wednesday:

Before you read, pray that God would open your spirit to this week's scripture. See the gospel spread amidst obstruction and interruption. Turn to prayer: thank God for his faithfulness and pray that the Kingdom would advance in our day.

Thursday:

Read Chapter 18 verses 1 and 2. Here we meet Aquila and Priscilla, persecuted believers who have been expelled by Rome; Paul goes to meet them. Turn these thoughts to prayer: thank God for the freedom we still enjoy to gather and worship and pray for the persecuted Church around the world, that God would sustain and bless his bride.

Friday:

Take in verse 3. Here we see Paul at work to sustain the mission, laboring as a tentmaker. This certainly doesn't seem like a celebrated vocation and yet it allows Paul to preach the gospel. Consider how God moves in obvious and subtle ways. Take these thoughts to prayer today. Ask God to be at work in all we do, the magnificent and the mundane.

Saturday:

Spend time in verses 4-6. Paul has been faithful to preach Jesus to the Jews. Here Paul reaches a turning point. He leaves the Jews at Corinth to their convictions and turns the whole of his attention to ministering to the Gentiles. This had to be a hard decision for Paul who deeply loved his Jewish brothers and sisters.

Do you face any hard decisions? Are you at a turning point? Bring your wrestling to the Lord in prayer today. On this Sabbath day, rest in his providence and provision.

Sunday:

Consider verses 8-9. Salvation comes to Crispus, a synagogue leader, and his entire household. Many others believe and are baptized. Today let us offer our praise and worship to the Lord who seeks and saves the lost. Let us name those in our own lives whom we desire to know the Lord, and let us trust that this is the Lord's desire as well.

Monday:

Take time in verses 9-11. Paul receives a vision. He receives a great encouragement. Paul leans in for the next year and a half. Do you need vision? Provision? Ask the Lord today. Ask him to prepare you, form you for the task you are being called to. Ask him for the courage to lean in.

Tuesday:

Read verses 12-16. Here again the gospel encounters strong opposition. Here again God makes a way. Do you face opposition? Do you need a way through trouble?

Notes/Prayer Request

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