

ACTS

Bible Study

2018-2019



Lesson: 22
Acts 18:18-28

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 you, or convicted you.

Wednesday:

Before reading, pray for clarity and insight that leads not just to understanding but action. Read Acts 18:18-28. See the Gospel move to include a broader range of people. Pray that this same inclusion would be true in our day.

Thursday:

Read and consider verse 18. Paul is now traveling with Aquila and Priscilla. The Gospel leads to new friendships and partnerships. We also see Paul take a vow here, an intentional act of consecration, devotion to and gratitude for the gospel. Let these thoughts lead you to prayer today. Give thanks for your fellow disciples; pray for them and consider the ways you might deepen and demonstrate your allegiance to Jesus.

Friday:

Take time in verses 19-21. Paul makes it to Ephesus. Remember earlier (Acts 16:6) the spirit refused Paul passage to this key city. So what seemed like a "no" was really a "wait." Is there an area of your life where you feel you are waiting on the Lord? Bring that circumstance to him today in honest prayer.

Saturday:

Spend time in verse 22. Paul passes through Jerusalem to make his offering and complete his vow, then he goes home completing his second missionary journey. Amidst all Paul's travels, trials and transformation, he takes time to go home. What would it look like for you to go "home" to rest, restore and repair? Ask the Lord for this today.

Sunday:

Read verse 23. Paul is on the road again. Visiting churches he helped found, strengthening the disciples. We see that for Paul evangelism (gaining converts) and discipleship (strengthening believers) were critical. It's easy to emphasize one of these and neglect the other. Pray for the Church today, that we would value and pour into discipleship and evangelism.

Monday:

Read verses 24-26. Here we meet Apollos, a man gifted to proclaim the gospel (even if he doesn't know the whole story yet). Here is an example of a fair saying: God doesn't just call the equipped; he equips the called. Are you inclined to let what you don't know keep you from sharing what you do. Bring those insecurities to the Lord today and ask that he would equip you, transform you and use you even in your weakness, for know that is where we experience his strength.

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Tuesday;

Take in verses 27-28. Here we see a great picture of the community of believers strengthening one another. Aquila and Priscilla recognize Apollos' gifting then invest in his understanding. They mentor him. Do you have a mentor? Are you a mentor? Let these questions and their answers lead you to prayer.

Notes/Prayer Request
