

III. Gospel OPPOSITION

- First, they verbally abused him (18:6).
- Second, they brought public charges against him (18:13).

IV. Gospel ENCOURAGEMENT

- A GOOD REPORT and a FINANCIAL GIFT from Thessalonica (18:5).
- People BELIEVING and being BAPTIZED (18:8).
- The assurance of GOD'S WORD (18:9-10).
- PROVIDENTIAL PROTECTION under the civil government (18:12-18).



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Acts 18:1-22

Sunday, September 10, 2017

Acts 18:1-22 tells the story of Paul's two year stay in the hustling and bustling city of Corinth, the last major stop on Paul's 2nd Missionary Journey. Here we notice 4 Constants in Paul's outreach with the Gospel . . .

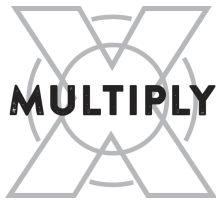
I. Gospel STRATEGY

5 ways Paul was strategic in his outreach:

1. LOCATION: A long stay in Corinth (18:1, 11)
2. PROFESSION: Tent-making (18:3)
3. INTELLECT: Reasoning and persuading (18:4)
4. CONNECTIONS: Starting at the synagogue (18:4)
5. RELATIONSHIPS: The house of Titius Justus (18:7)

II. Gospel PARTNERS

- Aquila and Priscilla gave Paul a place to LIVE/WORK and an immediate SOCIAL NETWORK (18:3).
- Silas, Timothy and the church at Thessalonica enabled Paul to give MORE of his TIME and ENERGY to Gospel outreach (18:5).
- Titius Justus gave him a HOME BASE for Gospel outreach (18:7).



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Most Growth Groups are on break for the summer, but fall enrollment will start on September 17. Growth Group questions are provided most weeks during the summer for GraceYouth, household and individual contemplation/discussion.

Grappling with God's Word Together (about 20 - 30 min.)

1. How did you come under God's Word in the text/message this week? What struck you? How were you challenged/moved? What did you think/feel in response to this text/message?
2. Read Acts 18:1-18. What do you remember about Corinth and why was this such a key place for Gospel ministry?
3. Paul didn't just "dump and run" with the Gospel. In fact, he used a ton of strategy as he reached out with the Gospel. What were some of his strategic moves?

4. Most of us aren't thinking much at all about Gospel outreach, much less strategically. Why is that and how do we change that? Why is reaching out with the Gospel so challenging to keep on our radar?

5. Paul used his location, his profession, his education, his connections and his relationships to strategically share the Gospel. How might you use those same gifts for your own Gospel outreach?

6. There are lots of names in Acts 18:1-22. Which of these names were Paul's Gospel partners? Does everyone need to be a "mouth" like Paul for Jesus?

Praying Together (about 20 min.)

Take time to pray by name for not-yet-Christians you know. Pray that the Lord will grow your burden and passion for the lost and lead you to strategic ways to reach out.