



ENOGERA BAPTIST CHURCH
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ACTS



Acts #28 – 18:1-28 Tentmaking, Investment & Jetfuel (Paul in Corinth)

Acts 18:9-10: "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, 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."

NOTE FOR LEADERS

This document is intended to be used as a discussion *guide*, rather than a curriculum. As small group leaders, please feel free to lead through the topic as most appropriate for your group.

HOUSEKEEPING

Things going at the moment:

- **Tri-Church Summit**
 - Leaders, please encourage your groups to come along to Tri-Church Summit this year!
 - 24th to 26th May.
 - Get those forms in ASAP! Payment and forms due this week please! Check our website and/or e-Newsletter for digital copies
- **Members Meeting Moved:**
 - Moved to Sunday 19th May to avoid Mothers Day



#28 ACTS 18:1-28

REFLECT

This is a time to generate some discussion by reflecting on the ideas in this week's message. Some ideas include:

- Ask the group to debrief for those who have missed the sermons on Sunday
- What stood out? Do you have any questions?
- Were there any special moments of clarity where God spoke to you clearly?

DIG INTO THE WORD

Let's dig a little deeper. Use the biblical text to discover what God reveals to us in his Word.

Acts 18:1-28 Paul in Corinth

18 After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²And 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, ³and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. ⁴And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁵When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. ⁶And 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." ⁷And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshipper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. ⁸Crispus, 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. ⁹And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, ¹⁰for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people." ¹¹And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

¹²But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal, ¹³saying, "This man is persuading people to worship God contrary to the law." ¹⁴But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, "If it were a matter of wrongdoing or vicious crime, O Jews, I would have reason to accept your complaint. ¹⁵But since it is a matter of questions about words and names and your own law, see to it yourselves. I refuse to be a judge of these things." ¹⁶And he drove them from the tribunal. ¹⁷And they all seized Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him in front of the tribunal. But Gallio paid no attention to any of this.

Paul Returns to Antioch



¹⁸ After this, Paul stayed many days longer and then took leave of the brothers and set sail for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he had cut his hair, for he was under a vow. ¹⁹ And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there, but he himself went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. ²⁰ When they asked him to stay for a longer period, he declined. ²¹ But on taking leave of them he said, "I will return to you if God wills", and he set sail from Ephesus.

²² When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church, and then went down to Antioch. ²³ After spending some time there, he departed and went from one place to the next through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

Apollos Speaks Boldly in Ephesus

²⁴ Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. ²⁵ He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. ²⁶ He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him and explained to him the way of God more accurately. ²⁷ And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, ²⁸ for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.





APPLY

Help your group identify how the truths from the Scriptures apply directly to their lives. Get group members to talk about the real life implications of the study.

1. **DISCUSS:** How are we to apply these things? Are there any immediate implications?
2. **TENTMAKING:** *Working a job does not make you any less called and commissioned by God to gospel ministry. Your purpose is bigger than your vocation. (v.3)*
 - a. Have you encountered a version of the Christian myth of “if you were a serious Christian, you’d become a full-time pastor, evangelist or missionary”?
 - b. What tensions do you feel in seeking to live for the kingdom when it comes to your vocation?
 - c. Why do you think it is easy to lose our focus when it comes to the mission?
3. **INVESTMENT:** *There will always be those around us we can invest into and bless who will go on to invest and bless others. (v.24-28)*
 - a. Do you have an Apollos you are pouring into? If not, how can you encourage the younger Christians in our church towards maturity?
 - b. Have you had an Aquila & Priscilla in your Christian walk who has corrected and encouraged you? Are you in need of one now? What steps might you take to find one?
 - c. Practical Ideas:
 - i. Come along to night church! If you only do night church, come along to the morning!
 - ii. Consider your attitude towards small group. Are you there to invest in others? What does that even look like?
 - iii. Ask Mike, Matt, Elise or Danielle about one to one bible reading
4. **JETFUEL:** God says: *“I will be with you, and so keep going, because I have people in this city who will hear about me through you.” (v.9-11)*
 - a. **Make sure to read this passage again. Read it a few times!**
 - b. Why is this idea jetfuel for the missional life? How does it move and encourage us?
 - c. What in this message is God saying to you specifically?

PRAY

Pray that we would be a church filled with gospel shaped people who live out our faith by grace alone!
Pray that we would grow in our missional living and discipling of one another.

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