



## **ACTS CHAPTER 18 (FACILITATOR)**

### **Discussion Starter**

- Have you ever missed out on an opportunity that you considered very important? What did you do after you missed out on the opportunity?
- **Opening Prayer**
  - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

### **Tell the Story**

#### **Read the Story (Acts 18:1-28)**

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### **Breaking it Down**

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### **Acts 18:1-11**

- Why is Paul traveling to and staying in Corinth significant?
  - Corinth was a city that was known well for its wickedness, darkness, and idol worship. It is oftentimes referred to as a modern-day Las Vegas. And, while there were indeed terrible things taking place there, Paul didn't allow the darkness that was present in the city to deter him. Rather, he looked at this city as full of abundant opportunities to share God and His message.
  - In what ways do you need to allow God to change your perspective about opportunities that He has given to you to share Him and His message?
    - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.



- Notice that Paul's primary occupation was not a full-time pastor. Rather, his trade/vocation was that of a tentmaker (leather worker). But, also notice that he poured himself out for the sake of the kingdom of God and proclaiming the kingdom of God. Why are these things important to understand?
  - Many times, we make excuses that we are too busy with other things including our full-time jobs to make sharing God and our faith a priorities. However, it is important to recognize that this was not true of Paul. Yes, he had a full-time trade, but his primary focus was being on mission for Jesus in whatever context God had placed him.
    - What excuses do you make when it comes to you being too busy to share God and your faith with others? How can you work on no longer giving into those excuses?
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- Notice Paul's response in verses 6-11 and what resulted AFTER he had been opposed when he first proclaimed God. Why is this important for us to recognize today?
  - When we encounter resistance when sharing our faith and God's love, it is easy to think we have done something wrong and/or give up and this may be our natural default setting. However, Paul knows that there is nothing wrong with the message of God and he is willing to move forward and continue to open up both his heart and voice. As a result, he ends up staying up in Corinth well over a year preaching and sharing with those that were willing to hear and accept what God had to say.

### **Acts 18:12-17**

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### **Acts 18:18-28**

- How is Apollos an example of God not showing favoritism to anyone and also an example of someone who was willing to be a constant student and learner?
  - Apollos certainly had great qualities about him. Although he was competent in the Scriptures and also a phenomenal speaker, he still had things to learn and God didn't overlook the gaps that were present in his life just because of the wonderful qualities he brought to the table. Additionally, Apollos wasn't arrogant and prideful to believe that he had everything together while believing that he had no room for growth. Rather, he exhibited an incredible humility and willingness to listen when he was presented with things that he did not know.
    - What can you and I learn from the example of Apollos?
    - What can you and I learn from the examples of Priscilla and Aquila?
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### **Final Application**

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

### **Closing & Prayer Requests**

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