



MAKING GOD KNOWN IN UNLIKELY PLACES

ACTS 18:1-23

The Value of a Team (vv. 1-4)

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. And 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 ... and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. vv. 1-2, 5

Find a group of _____ people with whom you can live the Christian life and _____ one another.

The Context of Corinth

The Players on Paul's Team

The Importance of a Decision (vv. 5-8)

... Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. And 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." vv. 5b-6

Understand the _____ that lies behind the message of God's _____ in the person and work of Christ.

The Person of Jesus Christ

The Problem of Self-Condemnation

The Power of a Promise (vv. 9-17)

And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "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." vv. 9-10

Courage is found in the promise of God's _____ and the assurance of His _____.

The Protection God Promises

The Election God Assures

The Evidence of a Commitment (vv. 18-23)

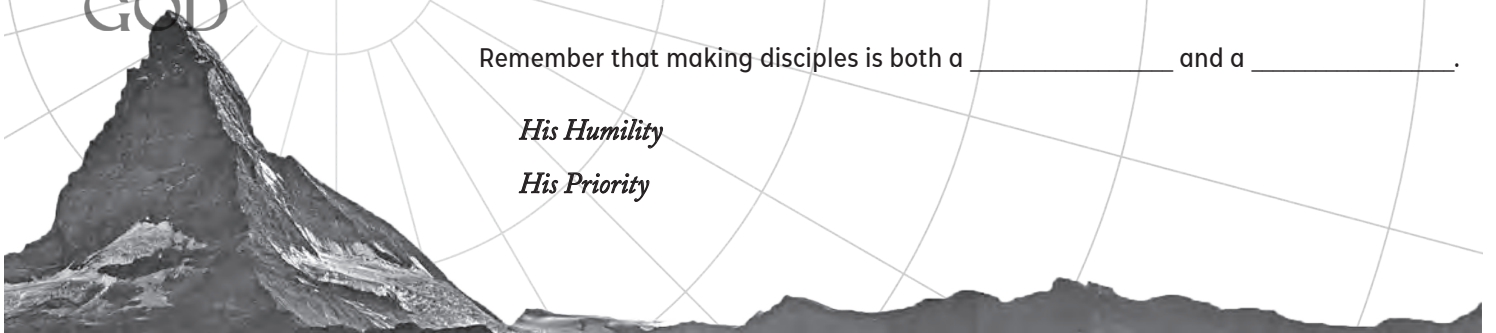
After spending some time there, he departed and went from one place to the next through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples. v. 23

Remember that making disciples is both a _____ and a _____.

His Humility

His Priority

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DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. Read Acts 18:1-23. What discouragements did Paul encounter, and what encouragements did God provide?

"For every discouragement has been allowed to come to us in order that through it we may be cast in utter helplessness at the Saviour's feet."

ALAN REDPATH

"Like the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and the miraculous birth of our Savior, the truth of election must be received with simple, unquestioning faith."

A. W. PINK

"True faith, by a mighty effort of the will, fixes its gaze on our Divine Helper, and there finds it possible and wise to lose its fears. It is madness to say, 'I will not be afraid,' it is wisdom and peace to say, 'I will trust and not be afraid.'"

ALEXANDER MACLAREN

2. Paul was discouraged as he arrived in Corinth. Besides that, he may have been physically ill (perhaps the lingering effects of the treatment he received in Philippi, 16:22-24). Physical weakness often makes discouragement even worse. Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5. How does this passage reflect on his state of mind during the events of Acts 18 in Corinth?

3. Read Romans 1:18-32, which Paul wrote in Corinth. Knowing Paul preached the gospel in such an immoral culture, how does it motivate you to speak into our culture today?

4. What role did friends and coworkers play in Paul's life and ministry? Why is it important for us to remember this?

5. Describe at least one way in which verses 1-17 are relevant to your life. Is there a promise, example or insight about God that you might apply to yourself?

6. About what do you feel alone and defeated right now? Meditate on the passages below and record any encouragement received. Claim by faith the presence of the Lord—He is with you!

Hebrews 13:5

Isaiah 41:10, 43:1-7

FOR FURTHER STUDY: It's just like our Lord to speak to us when we need Him the most. His tender "Fear not!" can calm the storm in our hearts regardless of the circumstances around us. Study the examples below to see how He spoke to others in the same way.

Abraham - Genesis 15:1

Isaac - Genesis 26:24

Jacob - Genesis 46:3

Joshua - Joshua 1:5-9

Jehoshaphat - 2 Chronicles 20:15-17

Daniel - Daniel 10:12, 19

Mary - Luke 1:30

Peter - Luke 5:10

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)

2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)

3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

"Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."

For more about having a personal relationship with Jesus visit www.ccbcfamily.org/nextsteps.

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

HAVE YOU MET OUR JOURNEY TEAM?

When you leave today, visit our Next Steps kiosk! There, you'll be introduced to our Journey Team, formerly known as the Connect Ministry. As you continue in your own personal discipleship to Be, Make and Reach, we are committed to walking beside you to equip and encourage you every step of the way! So, what's your next step? Where can you use your God-given gifts for His Kingdom? Find out all of this and more when you visit the Journey Team at the Next Steps kiosk!

THE 5 P.M. IS COMING BACK Fort Worth Campus, as you look around the room, you've probably noticed there's not a lot of wiggle room! It's evident that God is moving in our communities as more people begin attending our church, and as God moves hearts to hear the gospel, we want to create more space for that opportunity to happen. So, we are opening a third service! This won't begin without your help. Will you pray about moving your service time to 5 p.m.? Text PIONEER to 24253!

MSM GIRLS NIGHT We are so excited to offer our MSM Girls Night at the West Campus Worship Center. Regardless of what campus you attend, you are invited to join in on the fun, growing in God's Word and building community. Learn more and register by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/girls.

QUARTERLY DAY OF PRAYER We serve a God who knows and hears our every thought and prayer and as a church family, we love going to God together! On Monday, Nov. 6, from noon to 1 p.m., join us in the Oak Room as we spend time in Scripture, are fervent in prayer and rejoice in who God is and what He has done. We'd love to see you there! Visit www.ccbcfamily.org/qdop to learn more.

GRIEFSHARE — SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

When you're grieving a loved one, it's not unusual to wish you could skip over the whole holiday season. There's a lot to navigate and that's why we want to help. At Surviving the Holidays you'll gain practical wisdom and advice as we talk about what to do with favorite traditions and memories, how to handle various emotions and where to find real hope in this season. Visit www.ccbcfamily.org/sth to learn more.

BE, MAKE AND REACH WITH LIVE

PRODUCTION If you have experience and interest in live production and camera operation, we'd love to chat with you about volunteering with our Production Team. Get the conversation started by visiting @christchapelproduction on Instagram and send us a message today.

LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS Our neighbors around the church have asked us to consider driving a little more slowly on Sunday mornings. Thank you in advance for serving and loving them well in this way.



LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

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