
GROUP DISCUSSION

Book of Acts: From Belief to Boldness
GateWay Church of Visalia, Pastor Lance Ainsworth
Acts 18:9-18, June 4th & 7th , 2026
A Consecrated Life

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: Who is the most disciplined person you know?

Read Aloud: Acts 18:9-18, Leviticus 20:26

1. v.17 “And they all took hold of Sosthenes, the leader of the synagogue, and began beating him in front of the judgment seat” Why did the crowd beat Sosthenes? Do you agree that life apart from God leads to rage, blame, and scapegoating? How does the gospel address these attitudes?
2. Has there been a recent time in your life when things didn't go your way? How did you respond?
3. v.18 “In Cenchrea he had his hair cut, for he was keeping a vow.” Paul's response to God's promise of his presence with deeper commitment and consecration. Why do you think this was Paul's response in Corinth? In the past, have you devoted yourself to God for a period to know him better? What was your experience?
4. Paul's vow was voluntary, like the Nazarite vow in Numbers 6. Why is voluntary devotion often more meaningful than mere obligation? What is the difference between being a religious person and living a consecrated life?