

OPENING QUESTION: Go around the room & have each person share about their job.

ASK: Do you love your job? What is your favorite part of it? Least Favorite?

**Paul was a Rabi - BUT he also had a “real” job to pay the bills.
Does anyone remember what that was? (Tent Maker)**

ACTS 17:18 says...

¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection.

Whatever Paul was doing always had this in mind...

ACTS 18:4 And he **reasoned** in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks. 5 When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was **occupied** with the word, **testifying** to the Jews that the Christ

How much are the things of Jesus on your mind? Do you desire to **reason** with others? Are you **occupied** with sharing the story of God’s love? Do you **testify**?

I JOHN 5:11-13 says... ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

- **It ALL comes down to JESUS** – Whatever your beliefs are about culture, or politics, or the economy... Your eternal security rests on this ONE thing!

That’s why Paul was so motivated to share the story - He had one gear. **GO!**

Do **YOU** ever get **weary**? Are **YOU** ever **afraid**? Are **YOU** ever **discouraged**?
- **Most likely Paul did too!** We need to UNPLUG from all the noise around us!!!

Look at how the Lord encourages Paul in ACTS 18:9-10...

⁹ And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, ¹⁰ 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."

FIRST: How is God reassuring Paul to stay the course? What are some of the promises He is making to Paul? (God is WITH him. There are OTHERS around you.)

SECOND: What is God encouraging him to KEEP doing?

- Keep on Testifying! Look for the blessings and fruit & do NOT fear!
- Can we claim the same Promises from God? YES!

As a group discuss the following...

WHAT is something the Lord is calling you to do?

WHEN did you feel the Lord first laid this on your heart?

WHY did you or didn't you respond already to His commands?

WHO will be directly affected by your boldness of faith in this area?

WHERE is there an area of your life that you can start acting in obedience?

As you close the time in Journey Group this week... Spend some time praying over these things. Know that God is with you always! And do not be afraid. There are other "in this city too!"

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE **FEAST** &
ENCOUNTER