

NT – ACTS – SPREAD OF THE EARLY CHURCH

CONFIRMATION - LESSON 18

Name: _____ Date: _____

Memory Verse of the Week:

'For to me to live is _____, and to die is ____.' **Philippians 1:21**

The Early Church was driven by Jesus' _____ and their encounter with the risen Christ--- they persevered, regardless of _____.

Acts 1:8 – *“But you will receive power when the _____ has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

_____ was leading the persecution against the Early Church and this caused them to spread out.

- Saul is on the road to Damascus to arrest Christians and meets the risen _____.
- God uses _____ people, regardless of background, to advance His Kingdom!

Acts 10 & 16 – The Gospel was available to _____, regardless of gender, background, status, employment, or wealth.

- **Galatians 3:28** – *‘There is neither Jew nor _____, there is neither _____ nor free, there is no male and _____, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.’*

Paul begins his ___ major missionary journeys and has a similar _____ in each city.

- Begins in the _____ and then moves onto the Gentiles.
- Understands the _____ and balances his presentation with boldness and respect.
- Paul shares his _____ and his encounter with the risen Jesus
- _____ and miracles supported his proclamation of Jesus
- He would stay in an area for a time and help raise up a _____ with leaders.
- He _____ up with the churches through personal visits, by sending other people, and through _____ (EPISTLES) of encouragement & correction.

Acts 15 - The Early Church was not _____ and disputes arose between Jewish and non-Jewish (Gentiles) Christians.

Paul is _____ numerous times for his faith and goes to see the Emperor in Rome. He is eventually put to _____ for his faith.

Main Point: The message of Jesus spreads through dedicated _____ throughout the 1st century.

Reflection Time- *Use this space to silently reflect on these questions:*

1) What was unique about the Apostle Paul?

2) Why was the Apostle Paul such an effective missionary?

3) Do you believe you are a missionary and explain why or why not?

4) How does the way you act affect how people around you see your faith?

5) Philippians 1:21 says, *'For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.'* What does this mean to you?

FAMILY TIME

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Your Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____
(Write your first & last name legibly)

Scripture is one of the main ways that God has revealed Himself to humanity. As followers of Jesus, we should be intentional about time in Scripture, seeking God for meaning, and then applying it to our lives. I've never met a mature Christian that doesn't have consistent time in the Bible!

We understand life is busy! If possible, try to read the passages and answer the first page separately. If time doesn't allow, feel free to answer together! It can be really cool to see how God speaks through the same passage of Scripture, differently, to different people!
ONCE COMPLETED, PLEASE SIGN ABOVE!

This week's passage:

- **Acts 17:16-34**

STUDENT

PARENT

<p>Write 2 words or phrases that stood out to you and briefly share why:</p> <p>1) _____ _____</p> <p>2) _____ _____</p>	<p>Write 2 words or phrases that stood out to you and briefly share why:</p> <p>1) _____ _____</p> <p>2) _____ _____</p>
<p>What is one way, one of the answers above can apply to your life?</p> <p>1) _____ _____</p>	<p>What is one way, one of the answers above can apply to your life?</p> <p>1) _____ _____</p>
<p>One question I have from the Scripture that I read was:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>One question I have from the Scripture that I read was:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

Complete this next section **TOGETHER:**

1) God speaks to different people in different ways, through the same passage. What is one thing that surprised you when you compared your answers from above?

2) The Greeks were a very religious group and had many gods---They even had an altar 'to the unknown god.' What are 2 ways Paul effectively evangelized to the Greeks through actions or words?

1: _____

2: _____

3) Have you ever shared your faith with unbelievers---How did it go? If not, why not?

STUDENT: _____

PARENT: _____

4) What are 2 steps you can take to be better about sharing your faith?

STUDENT:

1: _____

2: _____

PARENT:

1: _____

2: _____

5) A large part of being available to share the Gospel is knowing why we are Christian. Spend a minute having Parent, then Student, share why they are a follower of Jesus.

**Close your time in prayer, using something that came up during your discussion.
PARENTS---MAKE SURE YOU SIGN AT THE TOP, ONCE IT'S COMPLETE!**