

TEXT: Acts 18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If you're not a member, go from attending to engaging by joining us for The Weekender on October 27 & 29, register at redeemerchurch.com/events.
 - Our next Parent Commissioning will take place on November 19th, if you are a covenant member and would like to participate in this, you can register at redeemerchurch.com/events.
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Ice Breaker: What are some of your biggest fears?

BIG IDEA: The gospel changes everything through ordinary people.

Questions

Read Acts 18:1-4

- When we are fearful or anxious, is it more difficult to be honest, known, mindful, or faithful? (reference the four observations below)
 - **1 Cor. 2:1-3** *"1 When I came to you, brothers and sisters, announcing the mystery of God to you, I did not come with brilliance of speech or wisdom. 2 I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 I came to you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling."*
 - *"Anxiety does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows, but only empties today of its strength."*
- **Charles Spurgeon**
 - Four observations about how we should respond to fear and anxiety in life:
 - Be honest: Paul was very transparent with his struggles and weaknesses.
 - Be known: Paul remained in community in the midst of his struggle. He didn't run and hide.
 - Be mindful: Paul is encouraged by knowing Jesus is with him.
 - Be faithful: Continue serving Christ and remain faithful to His Word and His people.

Read v5-8

- How have you been challenged to be a good neighbor and be faithful in your vocation?
 - During the Reformation, a shoemaker came to saving faith in Jesus and wanted to dedicate the rest of his life to making much of Jesus. So, he asked Martin Luther what he should do. Luther said, "Make good shoes."

Read v9-11

- What is the difference between fearing rightly and fearing wrongly?
 - *“You often will hear two Christians talk. One of them will say, ‘O my troubles, and trials, and sorrows, they are so great I can hardly sustain them; I don’t know how to bear my afflictions from day to day.’ The other says, ‘Ah! My troubles and trials are not less severe, but, nevertheless, they have been less than nothing. I can laugh at impossibilities, and say they will be done.’ What is the cause of the difference between these men? The secret is that one of them carried his troubles, and the other did not.” - Charles Spurgeon*

Read v18

- Who is someone who greatly impacted you as a disciple of Jesus and would be described as ordinary?

Read v24-26

- What are our fears about discipling others and being disciplined by others?
 - **1 Corinthians 3:6** *“I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.”*