

## Bible study for the week starting February 12, 2023

### SHARE

“In the end, we love people into belief. We do not argue them into belief.”

-Timothy Keller

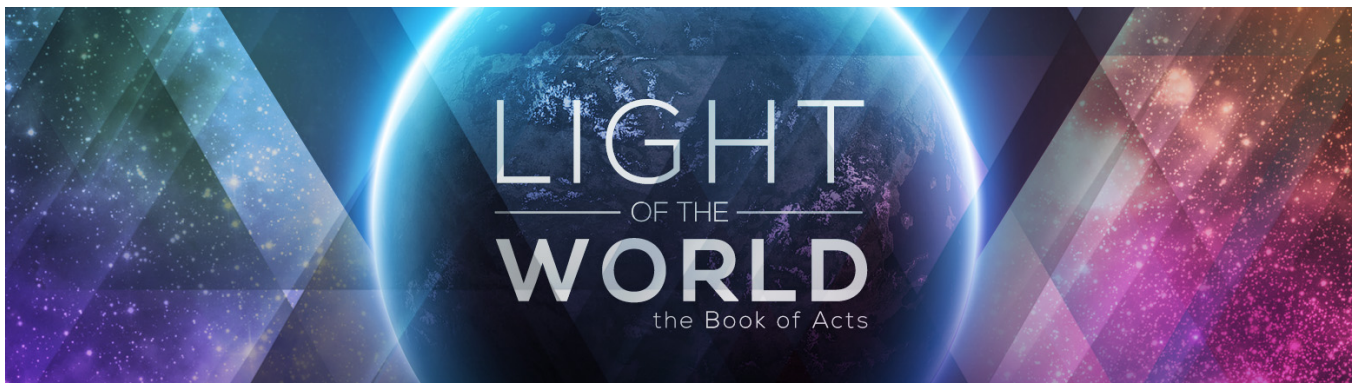
In other words...you can't intellectually defeat someone and expect them to suddenly have faith. Do you agree/ disagree? What role does apologetics play in evangelism? Are those separate things? (Apologetics is a method of argumentation and discourse meant to help defend the faith) What “faith” arguments have you had with others that have been constructive? Any that have been destructive?

### READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. **Read Acts 18:1-4** How does Paul regard Priscilla and Aquila? (See Romans 16:3-4).
2. What was Paul's main ministry focus while in Corinth? Is there a change when Silas and Timothy arrive?
3. **Read Acts 18:5-8** The word in this section is “blasphemy.” Turn's out Paul drew the line at blasphemy. He put up with getting stoned, beat up, attacked...and actually he continued to go back. But when they blasphemed Jesus, he was done. Where do you draw the line in conversation with unbelievers? When are you “out”?
4. **Read Acts 18:9-11** “Keep on speaking.” What reason should Paul keep speaking? What does Paul do? Where do you need to be reminded of these encouraging words? Who needs to hear about Jesus in your life?
5. **Read Acts 18:12-17** Whose trial does this resemble? (Luke 23:1-25) How is the outcome different? How are they similar? Look at what happened to Sosthenes? (1 Cor. 1:1...that beating from the Jews or Greeks may have lead him to faith.) Was there ever a time that you were “beat up by the world” and it point you to the truth?

### PRAY

Pray that God give us the opportunities to speak our faith to the people around you and that we would fight for others not with others.



## Acts 18:1-17 “Keep on Speaking”

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The Apostle Paul endured A LOT...but he drew the line at BLASPHEMY.

*“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be PREPARED to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect” 1 Peter 3:15 (NIV).*

In Sharing Faith, Remember:

1) There is not a formula to share our faith, but there is a FRAMEWORK.

- Led by the HOLY SPIRIT.
- Realize the OUTCOME is not your responsibility.
- Familiarize yourself with SCRIPTURE.
- Learn to LISTEN.

2) Every interaction has SIGNIFICANCE.

- Average length of interaction Jesus had with people was 42 seconds.

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3) When the world gives a beating...we get to be there to speak LIFE.

*For next week read Acts 18:18-28*