



Sermon Discussion Guide

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Key Scriptures:

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.

When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles." And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized. And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, 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." And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal, saying, "This man is persuading people to worship God contrary to the law." But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, "If it were a matter of wrongdoing or vicious crime, O Jews, I would have reason to accept your complaint. But since it is a matter of questions about words and names and your own law, see to it yourselves. I refuse to be a judge of these things." And he drove them from the tribunal. And they all seized Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him in front of the tribunal. But Gallio paid no attention to any of this.

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Message Highlights:

- We have a tendency to waste disruption, but God has a tendency to use disruption in our lives to put us on mission.
- When our lives are responsive to the Gospel, we ensure that our placement, work, credentials and influence are leveraged for the Kingdom of God.
- God anchors us through worship by pointing to his faithfulness.



Conversation Starter:

Can you think of a time when you were challenged to go way outside your comfort zone? Could you see how God was working in that situation despite the discomfort you were experiencing?

Discuss the Message:

1. What reason did Paul have to be afraid in Acts 18:1-17?
 - a. Do you ever find yourself acting afraid when it comes to your faith?
 - b. What voices are most influencing your heart and mind in these moments?
 - c. When you're afraid, how can you abide in God's voice and strength to overcome your fears?
2. In what ways does God's promise in verse 10, 'I am with you,' change the game for Paul in Corinth?
 - a. How does God's command, 'do not be afraid,' coupled with his promise, 'I am with you,' affect you in your day-to-day life?
 - b. How has your submission to God's guidance and promises created a sense of clarity and purpose in your life?
3. How does Paul's missionary journey encourage you to embrace divine disruption?
 - a. Can you identify a disruption in your life that impacted you, whether it was an opportunity from God or a difficult trial in which God did a redeeming work?
 - b. Does wholly relying on the Lord's guidance for your next steps feel familiar or like a foreign concept to you?
 - c. How can you take more ownership in your spiritual journey so that you can fully live on mission?

Pray:

God, we're grateful for the ways that your Gospel grounds us and reminds us that we can have confidence because of your son Jesus Christ. In your presence, we are fully known and fully loved. Thank you for caring for us in a way we don't deserve. We desire to mirror you this week by intentionally focusing on your mission and using our influence for your glory. We trust that you will give us the strength and the ability to do so. In Jesus' name, amen.