

**Gripped by the Kingdom**  
**Text: Acts 18:1-17**  
**March 22, 2025**

**Big Idea:**

**Context is key!**

**Question #1 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?*

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

**Question #2 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?*

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

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**Point 1: \_\_\_\_\_ for Kingdom \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 1-4)**

*Question: All you have is from God and for God. How will you leverage it for His kingdom?*

*Sermon Notes...*

**Question #3**

- a) Describe what Corinth was like. How would you feel heading into minister there? Why?
- b) Describe how Paul, Aquila and Priscilla positioned themselves for Kingdom impact.
- c) Using their example, what are some ways that you can use your money, time and abilities right now for the kingdom of God?

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**Point 2: \_\_\_\_\_ the Kingdom \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 5-8)**

*Question: No matter the response, God's Word gets declared. Will you take the opportunity?*

*Sermon Notes...*

#### Question #4

- a) **Rd. vv. 5-8:** What did Silas and Timothy find Paul occupied with when they came to Corinth?
- b) What do you find yourself most occupied with?
- c) Why does that have your greatest attention, passion and priority?
- d) What kingdom opportunities has God put around you that you need to pursue in declaring God's Word

#### Question #6

- a) It is not always clear which opportunities we should pursue. What means has God given to us to know which ones to take?
- b) Are there any opportunities in front of you right now that you need to "take that hill"? What are they?

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**Point 3:** \_\_\_\_\_ on Kingdom \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 9-17)

*Question: Discouragement will come, but God will keep His promises. Will you trust and obey?*

*Sermon Notes...*

#### Question #7

- a) **vv. 9-17:** Paul was struggling with fear. What are the things you are afraid of in your witness? Why those?
- b) What were the 3 promises that Jesus gave to Paul here?
- c) Are all of these these promises exactly the same for us today too? If so, what's the same/different?
- d) How should each of these gospel promises encourage us, as they did Paul, to persevere in faith when we are discouraged?

#### Prayer Application

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying out of **Acts 18:1-17...**

- a) **ADORATION:** Lord Jesus, Your Kingdom is \_\_\_\_\_
- b) **CONFESSION:** Lord Jesus, I repent that my heart is more often gripped by \_\_\_\_\_ than You.
- c) **THANKSGIVING:** Lord Jesus, I thank you for promise to \_\_\_\_\_
- d) **SUPPLICATION:** Lord Jesus, I pray for a heart increasingly gripped by Your kingdom with my \_\_\_\_\_.

*Memory Verse:*

*"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.'"—Acts 18:9-10*

