

Acts of the Apostles

Week 5: Paul's second missionary journey (chapters 16-18:23, pg. 920-923)

The Holy Spirit can lead by _____ doors or by closing them.

Acts 16:10 (NLT) So we decided to leave for Macedonia at once, having concluded that God was calling us to preach the Good News there.

Philippi (16:11-40)

People must have an _____ mind and _____ heart to receive the truth of Jesus.

Acts 16:14 (NLT) One of them was Lydia from Thyatira, a merchant of expensive purple cloth, who worshiped God. As she listened to us, the Lord opened her heart, and she accepted what Paul was saying.

Your own _____ is your biggest witness.

Acts 16:28-30 (NLT) But Paul shouted to him, "Stop! Don't kill yourself! We are all here!"

The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

"Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary, use words." - St. Francis of Assisi

Thessalonica (17:1-9)

Berea (17:10-15)

Acts 17:11-12 (NLT) And the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul's message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth. As a result, many Jews believed, as did many of the prominent Greek women and men.

If scripture is our foundation and road map, then it must be the _____.

Athens (17:16-34)

Corinth (18:1-17)

Acts 18:9-11 (NLT) One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision and told him, "Don't be afraid! Speak out! Don't be silent! For I am with you, and no one will attack and harm you, for many people in this city belong to me." So Paul stayed there for the next year and a half, teaching the word of God.

Fear doesn't _____ you from God's call, but it can hinder you from fulfilling it.

1 John 4:18 (NLT, pg. 1033) Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love.

Return to Antioch of Syria (18:18-23)

Final Thought: The more we are transformed by God, the more God can use us to spread the gospel. What _____ is the Holy Spirit removing in your life?

Acts week 5 Discussion Questions

How have you experienced open and closed doors in your life? How have you experienced open and closed minds and hearts? Was it with other people or yourself? “Your own transformation is your biggest witness.” Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?

Read Acts 17:16-34. Paul describes the religious culture in Athens, and then explains God’s plan of redemption through Jesus. What parallels do you see between the culture in Athens and our American culture today? What is different about the two cultures? Do you think you would see the same reaction today to Paul’s testimony that he got in Athens? Why or why not?

What is something you are afraid of? Is fear holding you back in your faith journey? Why or why not? What do you need to get you over your fear? What Bible verses and/or stories can help you conquer your fears? (1 John 4:18 and Daniel 10:19 are a good start, how many more can you come up with?)

Read Acts 18:24-28. What was unique about the way Apollos taught about Jesus? How much do you think his “enthusiastic spirit” effected his teaching? Explain. When you talk about Jesus, do you do so with enthusiasm? Why or why not? Aquila and Priscilla, who lived in Corinth, are now helping Apollos in Ephesus. (refer to your map in your Bible, this is quite a distance) What does this say about them? They help Apollos to be more accurate in his teaching; how do you respond when someone corrects you? Do you see it as help or as an insult? Explain.