

CLOSER LOOK



A LIFEGROUP STUDY ON THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

**ALWAYS AND EVERYWHERE
INTO ALL THE WORLD**

ACTS 18:1-11; 18-28

MARCH 27, 2022

MAIN POINT

WE MAKE OUR LIVES COUNT WHEN WE MAKE HIS NAME KNOWN

INTRODUCTION

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

If you were to assess your life up to this point, what kind of legacy are you currently building? Does this align to the legacy you want to leave? Why/why not?

If you are honest with yourself, would you say that you are more interested in making God's name known or making your name known when it comes to leaving a legacy? What are some drivers behind your answer?

UNDERSTANDING

Review the biblical text to discover what the Scripture says about a particular topic.

Have a volunteer read Acts 18:1-11

When Paul first entered Corinth how did the Jews respond to his claim that Jesus was the Christ, and how did he respond to them?

In v6, it states that the Jews opposed and reviled him. This indicates a strong opposition to the gospel. Paul responded by stating he was going to the gentiles. Yet we see in v8 that he is actually still trying to reach the Jews.

Once Paul moved to another area of Corinth and began seeing people being saved, in what way did the Lord assure Paul?

God told Paul to not be afraid and continue proclaiming the gospel. He told Paul that He was with him and that no one would attack or harm him. He also told Paul that "I have many in this city who are my people."

Read v10 and v11. What can we learn from these verses as it relates to God's providence of saving people and human responsibility of sharing the gospel?

We see God's providence when He states, "I have many in this city who are my people." Yet we see that Paul does not leave it to God's providence that they will be saved. Rather, He stayed a very long time (second longest time of all his mission trips) teaching God's Word to them. Paul understands the human responsibility we have, as believers, to be the primary vehicle of sharing God's Word to others as the Holy Spirit converts the sinner's heart and gives new life to the

sinner. Sharing the gospel is one of the primary ways in which we get to experience God and be witnesses to people being saved.

Have a volunteer read Acts 18:18-28

What do we see in these verses about Apollos, Priscilla, and Aquila in terms of discipleship that are important for us to remember when we are discipling others or being disciplined by others?

We see that Apollos was teachable and willing to take Priscilla and Aquila's counsel. He didn't take offense to their leading. We also see that Priscilla and Aquila saw potential in Apollos and invested time to meet with him. We then see the resulting product of that effective discipleship in v28 where he "powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus."

How can we as a lifegroup ensure that we are discipling each other effectively?

[Answers will vary]

After reading both verses 1-11 and 18-28, do we see Paul working alone or with others? Why is this important for us to remember?

Even though Paul is known as one of the most influential missionaries in the church, he worked with many people and relied on many people. This is important for us to remember because we are called to make disciples together and not alone by ourselves.

APPLICATION

Help your group identify how the truths from the Scriptures apply directly to their lives.

Who could you ask to do a one on one Bible study in the hope of helping each other grow in a deeper knowledge of God?

Who could you share your faith with this week?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Take a moment to ask your group if there are any prayer requests.

Please include prayer for the following:

- Lifepoint Marion Campus will launch successfully
- We will be a people who are willing to go against the cultural worldview and be a light into this darkened world
- We will be witnesses to God saving sinners and sanctifying the saints

PRAY WITH YOUR GROUP

Pray over your group's prayer requests:

God, It is such a privilege that you have given us the ministry of reconciliation. Give us opportunities this week where we can share the truth of Your redeeming love and that You are reconciling the world to Yourself. Help us to be bold with our faith, yet caring and compassionate to those with whom we are witnessing to. May You be glorified in our testimony of You. We love You with all of our hearts- Amen.

LP REMINDERS

Please encourage everyone to register for the following items under the “Events” tab on the Lifepoint App or LPGuest.com

- April 3: Lifegroup Leader Training (for anyone interested in leading or co-leading a lifegroup)
- April 10: Starting Point
- April 16: 24 Hours of Prayer
- April 17: Easter Services- 8:00AM, 9:30AM, and 11:00AM. Lifepoint Kids will be available at all 3 services
- April 24: Core Beliefs
- April 29-30: All Campus Women’s Gathering (Lewis Center Campus Hosting)

**Please encourage your lifegroup to attend the 8:00AM Easter service so that we can allow as much space for guests our 9:30 and 11:00 services. This is a small, yet meaningful, way in which we can all be missional for our community!

MEMORIZE

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8