Passage Study Guide - Acts 18:1-23

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1. Identify the challenges that Paul faced in the following sections of the passage and describe how God provided encouragement to Paul to persevere in the gospel:

- a. v1-5
- b. v6-11
- c. v12-17

2. How was the promise of Jesus in v9-10 fulfilled in v12-17?

3. Paul ends his second missionary journey by visiting Jerusalem and returning to Antioch, then he went through the region of Galatia and Phrygia to start his third missionary journey (v22-23). What is the reason for Paul's route of travel? What was he seeking to do?

4. Elsewhere in the New Testament there are mentions of the people in this passage:
a) Priscilla & Aquila (Rom 16:3, 1 Cor 16:19, 2 Tim 4:19)
b) Crispus (1 Cor 1:14)
c) Silas (2 Cor 1:19, 1 Pet 5:12)
d) Timothy (Rom 15:21, 1 Cor 4:17, 16:10, Heb 13:23).
How might this be a display of God's faithfulness?

5. Jesus encouraged Paul by sending him companions in Corinth and appearing in a vision to assure him of His protection. Think about how we go about our daily lives and routine. What are some present things that may cause us to be unaware of the presence of Jesus in our lives?

6. In this passage, different members of the church come together to support and encourage Paul for the gospel mission. What prevents us from seeing the community that Jesus gives us as a source of encouragement to live lives of faith? On the flip side, what prevents us from encouraging others to live lives of faith?

7. Jesus encourages Paul in 18:9-10. Consider what we struggle with in Q6. How might the promises in the gospel encourage or strengthen us as we seek to live by faith?

8. What are some means of mutual encouragement that Jesus has given us through His church?

9. The passage we are studying is characterized by a culture of mutual encouragement that comes from the gospel. Read Hebrews 13:5-8, and consider sharing:

- Some recent encouragement that you have received, either through the reminder of others or through the promises of the gospel directly.
- Some challenges that you are facing recently, and encourage one another with Hebrews 13:5-8