

Saved by Grace

Small group questions

Proving from the Scriptures that Jesus is Messiah – Acts 18

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1. You may enjoy reading Acts 18 again. Did anything stand out for you from the passage? Or is there anything about which you need clarification?
2. Are you convinced that salvation is entirely by grace? And do you have confidence, that when the gospel is proclaimed here in the central west, people will still come to know and love Jesus?

STARTS WITH THE JEWS

3. Why DID Paul start in each new city, but going first to the Jews in the synagogues?
4. What was he trying to reason with the Jews about? (See v5). Why was this a sticking point?
5. Why would people IN CHURCH today oppose the message of God's grace?
6. Why did Paul exhibit such strong feelings in response to the Jews' opposition to the message? See v6.
7. What do you feel when you face opposition or when people reject your message or lifestyle? What can we learn from Paul's actions?
8. Maybe you have been in church all your life or maybe you are just new in your relationship with God. How do you react when you are corrected in your view of God?

GO TO THE GENTILES

9. Why does Paul want to share Jesus with the Gentiles?
10. What has happened in history when preachers have been forced out of their churches?

PEOPLE HEAR AND BELIEVE

11. What happens as Paul moves next door to preach the gospel? What are the lessons for us?

PAUL IS ASSURED

12. What are the key elements from the vision Paul was given, that with confidence, we can claim and apply to ourselves today?
13. What did Jesus mean in the vision by telling people he had many people in this city? What do you think this might mean for us?
14. Recall and discuss some of James Daymond's practical tips for sharing Jesus which Mark mentioned.

OPPOSITION HALTED

15. The Roman proconsul showed no interest in adjudicating on religious matters and shut down the opposition. What confidence can we take from this incident?
16. What can we take from the example of Apollos who was vigorously refuting his Jewish opponents as he was proving *from the Scriptures* that Jesus was the Messiah?

Praise God for Jesus who is the Christ, the promised Messiah who has rescued us from sin and death. Pray that this knowledge and hope may inspire us to proclaim in with all that we have. Pray that we may NOT be afraid and NOT be silent when we have opportunity to share Jesus for life.

