



Worship Guide for **August 25, 2019**

## Sermon Notes

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### **Living for Christ in a Corinthian Culture**

Acts 18: 1-17 (pew Bible pg. 927)

Corinth was one of the major cities in Paul's world. It was the largest city in Greece, having a population as high as 750,000. Corinth was a flourishing center of political power, so division and political tribalism were the norm. Corinth was a vibrant commercial center, so materialism and the bottom line ruled. On a hill above Corinth stood the Temple of Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love and sex, so Corinth was also known as the capitol of sexual immorality. Even in the pagan world, the city was known for its moral corruption. In the Greek language the city's name came to define sexual immorality and drunkenness. (*korinthiazesthai*, "Corinthianize," meant to live in debauchery). Corinth was Washington, Wall Street, Hollywood, and Las Vegas all rolled into one.

Immorality, materialism, idolatry, worldly arrogance, all this and more faced a beaten and worn Paul as he walked into this city carrying the message of Christ. By Acts 18, Paul has already been through a long list of terrible challenges, and ministry in a tough place like Corinth would only add to his list of afflictions. Paul had been through the wringer! This may be why he recounted the beginning of his time in Corinth by writing, *I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling* (I Cor 2:3).

God was faithful to Paul, sustaining him and rejuvenating him during a very tough time in his life. In spite of the challenges, Paul's ministry in Corinth was fruitful, the church grew and matured, and the gospel was advanced. We may not live in a city as big as Corinth, but our culture is similar in many ways. The challenges we face as we seek to walk with Christ in a Christ-less culture can wear us down, beat us up, and leave us discouraged. Tired saints can find a lot of hope and encouragement in this passage. As we seek to live for Christ in a Christ-less culture.....

We can be encouraged as God gives us faithful brothers and sisters in Christ (Acts 18:1-5)

We can be confident that God will bring salvation when the gospel is shared (Acts 18: 6-8)

We can be corrected through God's gentle discipline and faithful promises (Acts 18:9-11)

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Use this guide to help you reflect upon and internalize today's passage and message! Using a journal or a notebook, follow the daily prompts below. We also use these guides to guide our discussions in our Life Groups each week as we seek to grow together in the Word!

### Sunday

*In your journal, reflect on today's sermon by answering the following:*

I never knew:

I was challenged:

I was reminded:

I was convicted:

A question I still have:

A truth I could share:

**Know**

### Monday

*Spend some time today doing the following:*

Read the sermon passage again.

Select a portion of this week's sermon passage to memorize this week.

Write your selected portion and read it to yourself at least 10 times throughout the day and meditate on that portion this week.

**Know > Be**

### Tuesday

*In your journal, spend some time writing about the following:*

Read the sermon passage again.

Write a prayer of response, specifically guided by the passage.

(May include adoration, confession/repentance, thanksgiving, petition, etc...)

Continue to meditate on a memorize the selection you chose from yesterday.

**Be**

### Wednesday

*Think about this week's questions for group discussion:*

In what ways do you experience refreshing while living as a gospel man, woman, and/or family as exiles?  
In what ways does God allow you to bring refreshing to other believers?

Are there any ways in which you are prone to react to the surrounding culture out of anger and preference rather than in a gospel-shaped response? How does such a response hinder our ability to speak the gospel into our culture?

How does a response of anger and frustration reveal a lack of trust in the Lord? How does the message of the Scriptures sober us to the broken reality of our culture?

**Be > Do**

### Thursday

*In your journal, spend some time considering the following:*

What insights have you gained while internalizing this week's passage?

How specifically will you seek to apply its truths in your home/workplace/life in general?

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