

Marinating in God's Word: Acts 18:1-11

Sent! They were and we are. So we're learning from Acts about what it means to be sent by Jesus, with Jesus' people, to do Jesus' work, in the power of Jesus' Spirit!

For further reflection on your own or in a small group, consider these questions:

- Aquila and Priscilla were in Corinth too, having been driven from Rome with other Jews. A Roman historian wrote that the Jews there had gotten into a fight over the Messiah, thus provoking their exile! So Aquila and Priscilla may have already been believers. What did they provide for Paul? And what do you suppose Paul provided for them?
- As you scan through these verses, how do the Corinthian events match what happened in other cities?
- Though Luke does not tell us that Paul was struggling with fear, he does tell us about Paul's vision of the Lord, in which the Lord told Paul he need not fear. So the Lord was addressing Paul's need. And Paul himself describes his struggles in his later letter back to Corinth (1 Cor. 2:3). What reasons did the Lord give Paul for why he need not fear? What strikes fear in your heart? How do these reasons answer your own fears?
- Paul was in Corinth for a year and a half (v. 11). For him that was a long while, since his mission was truly itinerant. But in a vision the Lord made it clear that he was not finished there (v. 9-10). As you look back, what has been your "itineration" pattern (literally place to place, or maybe job to job, or church to church)? How did you determine when it was time to move on or stay put? Does the Lord (always? sometimes? never?) direct us in such things?

Next week our focus will be on Acts 19:1-7.