

The Church on Mission

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me..." Acts 1:8

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SOMETHING IS MISSING

Acts 18:8-19:10

Context: Paul finishes his second missionary journey (Acts 18:18-23), pays a vow, and reports to his sending church (Antioch) while Aquila and Priscilla stay in Ephesus. Acts 18:24-21:16 is Paul's third missionary journey. In our text today, the words believe(d), heard, reasoned, and references to the Scripture are all key words in both this passage and in the Book of Acts.

Take people aside to help them progressively hear the gospel more accurately.

Help others progress,

1. Pointing them to submit all their plans to God's will be done (Acts 18:18).
2. By loving people so you can strengthen them (Acts 18:22-23).
3. Regardless of how religious they are, the gospel is our starting point for fellowship (Acts 18:24-28).
4. When something seems missing in their testimony, and they need help connecting the dots (Acts 19:1-5).

5. Not forgetting we need the Holy Spirit's empowerment and equipping (Acts 19:6-10; Romans 8:9).

- *Can people tell by your responses that, when things go differently than hoped for, you are satisfied in Christ or bummed or even disgusted?*
- *Do you address discipleship issues with tact privately like Aquila and Priscilla did?*
- *Are you part of this church to give for others' good or primarily to "get something out of church"? God's Spirit loves to help God's children love one another and grow for God's glory and not our selfishness.*