

Message Outline

Corinthians: Building a Church

An Intro Into Corinth

Acts 18:1-17



Intro: The Bible Project...¹

- Corinthians: a church Paul “built”...
 - Longest of Paul’s letters (epistles)...
 - Perhaps Paul’s longest stay (1.5 years)...

Read: Acts 18:1-17

v.1—Events that led Paul to Corinth: promises (16:9-10) and problems (17:1-33)...

- Background of Corinth:

- a) S _____
- b) S _____
- c) S _____
- d) S _____

v.1-4—Paul, Priscilla, and Aquila (v.2)...

- Tentmaking and testifying (v.3)...
- Christian faith rooted in reasoning (v.4)...

v.5-8—Resistance and acceptance of message...

v.9-11—Confirmation to keep at it...

v.12-17—Jewish/Christian understanding in early church...

The Backstory of Building in Corinth

1) _____ v.1

- Paul arrives somewhat in pain and yet still persistent in mission...
- The backbreaking labor in building at times...

2) _____ v.2-3

- God’s networking thru hard knocks...
- God’s use of *people* (Priscilla and Aquila) and *professions* (tentmaking) for His *proclamation!*

3) _____ v.4

- Church always built on lives changed by Jesus...



Small Group

Reflection Questions



(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week’s small group session.)

Read: Isaiah 51-53

**What does this text say about God? What does it say about me/humanity?*

**What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)?*

**Corinth’s key features were the society, sea, sex, and sports. What are some words you’d use to describe key features of your community? How can those characteristics be used to share Christ? (bonus read: see Acts 17:16-34).*

**Paul, Priscilla, and Aquila all landed in Corinth because they were pushed out of elsewhere. Can you think of a time when outside pressures actually helped deepen your faith? Explain.*

**Tentmaking was Paul’s first open opportunity to talk faith. Has your profession ever opened up opportunities to profess your faith? Tell about it (or the struggle of it).*

**Paul was repeatedly attacked for his message. Have you ever been “attacked” for your faith? Tell about it.*

¹ <https://thebibleproject.com/explore/>