

**I. Paul as a tentmaker. Acts 18:1-3**

Corinth was known for its \_\_\_\_\_ and worship of Venus, the goddess of fertility.

- Throughout Paul's ordinary life, the Lord was doing something \_\_\_\_\_. He was saving souls and building His church, because the Lord uses everyday things to accomplish His will.

As Christians, every \_\_\_\_\_ should be considered as holy because Christ lives in us.

**II. Your blood be upon your own heads. Acts 18:4-6**

The Jews began to \_\_\_\_\_ Paul's teaching to the point of blaspheming Jesus. To blaspheme is to speak with contempt about God or to be defiantly irreverent.

- Paul was communicating that he faithfully told them the truth, as he was saying, "You are now responsible for how you \_\_\_\_\_ to the Gospel, and I am not accountable for your rejection."

**III. A religious leader got saved. Acts 18:7-11**

Paul must have been scared, because the passage tells us that the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ to him in a night vision and told him not to be afraid.

- Jesus didn't tell Paul no one would try to attack him; Jesus simply told Paul that the attacks would not \_\_\_\_\_. **Acts 18:10**

**IV. Paul was taken to the judgment seat. Acts 18:12-17**

We have learned through both of Paul's missionary journeys that opposition increases when the Gospel makes an \_\_\_\_\_.

- The Lord will even use non-believers, government officials, or anyone else He chooses to \_\_\_\_\_ His people, according to His will and purpose.

The Lord didn't promise us a life without hardship, but He promised to be with us, no matter what occurs. Even painful moments can become part of God's \_\_\_\_\_ story.

**V. Practical Application.**

The Lord is actively working through ordinary places, ordinary work, ordinary relationships, and ordinary seasons. What looks small to us may actually be \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord.

**Small Group Discussion**

*Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?*

1. Read **Acts 18:1-3**. Discuss the benefits of being a tentmaker and why it was necessary for Paul to have a vocation for financial support. (*Tentmaking refers to supporting oneself through work while engaging in ministry. It integrates their secular skills with their spiritual calling. Tentmaking fosters relationships and opens doors for sharing the gospel in the workplace.*)  
**2 Thessalonians 3:10, Ecclesiastes 9:10, Galatians 6:9**
2. Describe how the Lord worked throughout Paul's seemingly ordinary life. *What moments of our life should be considered holy?*  
**1 Corinthians 3:16, 1 Peter 1:16, Ephesians 4:16, Matthew 28:20, John 14:18**
3. Read **Acts 18:4-6**. Discuss the meaning of the words of Paul, "**Your blood be upon your own head**".  
**Ezekiel 33:4-5, 2 Samuel 1:16, Matthew 27:24-25, Matthew 7:13-14**
4. Read **Acts 18:7-11**. *Why was Paul scared after this religious leader was saved? What was the Lord's promise to Paul in vs. 10?*  
**Exodus 14:14, Psalm 34:4, Isaiah 41:10, Isaiah 35:4**
5. Read **Galatians 5:16-18**. In the Practical Application portion of the sermon, the acrostic HALT was discussed. Discuss the dangers of walking in the flesh during these times.  
H - Hungry: (**Matthew 5:6**) A - Angry: (**Ephesians 4:26**)  
L - Lonely: (**Psalm 34:18**) T - Tired: (**Matthew 11:28**)  
H - Hopeful: (**Jeremiah 29:11**)
6. Discuss the Practical Application of the sermon.  
**Colossians 3:23-24, Psalm 37:23-24, 1 Corinthians 6:20**