

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: To win, build and send Department of Defense leaders to live for Jesus Christ

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ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT #14 –RELATIONSHIPS IN MINISTRY

INTRODUCTION:

- How would you characterize your relationships with people outside of Christianity?

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION:

Note: In A.D. 50 there was a Jewish riot in Rome over the preaching of Christ. Romans saw Christianity as a sect of Judaism. Claudius gave an order that Jews (and Christians) were to leave Rome. Paul was alone in Corinth and sorely needed a break after his difficult stops in Thessalonica, Berea and Athens. He found comfort and companionship from many sources.

Read Acts 18:1-18

- Why was Paul in Corinth?
- How and why did Paul's ministry change after Timothy and Silas arrived? (2 Co 11:9)
- What brought Paul, Aquilla and Priscilla together?
- What was God's vision for Paul?
- How did that encouragement (vision) from God affect his relationships with the Jews? Gallio? Timothy and Silas? Aquilla and Priscilla? The Greeks? The Roman government?
- How does God use vision and relationships in your spiritual journey?
- How does God encourage you in the midst of your circumstances?

APPLICATION:

- What are some practical ways that you can establish relationships that will help you reach beyond your present sphere of influence?
- What decisions are you facing that require God's wisdom and encouragement?

For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake.

1 Ths 1:4,5

For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

2 Cor 4:5