

"Don't Be Silent!" Message 5 Perry Duggar

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• Outline

One night the Lord spoke to Paul...and told him, "Don't be afraid! Speak out! Don't be silent!" Acts 18:9 (NLT)

#### A. Introduction

(Acts 18:1-3. C/R: Romans 16:3-4; 1 Corinthians 2:3)

2. Count on God for \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 18:9-17. C/R: Luke 12:11-12; Romans 8:28; 2 Timothy 1:7-8; 4:16-18)

3. Clarify God's \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 18:24-28. C/R: Ephesians 4:11-15; 2 Timothy 2:2; 3:16-17; Hebrews 5:11-12)

## B. God calls us to... (Acts 18:4-28)

1. Communicate with \_\_\_\_\_ people. (Acts 18:4-8. C/R: Matthew 10:14-15; Colossians 4:5-6; Hebrews 9:27-28; 1 Peter 3:14-16)

Answers: 1. interested 2. protection 3. way

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# Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit <u>brookwoodchurch.org/adults</u>.

#### **Conversation Starter**

Name something you were scared to do but did anyway.

#### Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

# **Bible Study and Group Discussion**

#### Read <u>Acts 18:1-8</u>.

1. Describe a time you spoke with courage and boldness about your faith.

- 2. Describe a time you missed an opportunity to share your faith.
- 3. What's one lesson you learn from Paul in this passage? How can you apply this to your life?

#### Read <u>Acts 18:9-17</u>.

- 4. Think of someone you'd like to talk with about Jesus.
  - a) When you think about having a conversation with them, what scares you the most?
  - b) When the time seems right to have a deeper conversation with this person, what will you say? What questions will you ask?
- 5. Has anyone ever judged or ridiculed you (or distanced themselves from you) because of your beliefs about Jesus? How did you react?

#### Read <u>Acts 18:24-28</u>.

- 6. When Priscilla and Aquila explained *the way of God* to Apollos, what do you think they told him?
- 7. If someone wanted you to teach them more about God and the Bible, where would you start? What would you do to help them grow?
- 8. Methods for learning the Bible include reading, studying, meditating and memorizing. Which of these do you practice most often? Which would you like to include more regularly in your daily or weekly routine?

# **Spiritual Practice**

A spiritual practice is something we do to interrupt our usual thoughts, feelings and patterns enabling us to move more deeply into the life of Christ.

Thank Jesus for ways He's worked in your life. Pray He would reveal Himself to your family and friends. Pray for them by name, then look for opportunities to have spiritual conversations with them.

#### **Memory Verse**

You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others. 2 Timothy 2:2 (NLT)

## **Daily Reading**

Day 1: <u>1 Peter 3:14-16</u> Day 2: <u>2 Timothy 4:16-18</u> Day 3: <u>2 Timothy 1:7-8</u> Day 4: Ephesians 4:11-15 Day 5: Hebrews 5:11-12

## **Prepare for Next Sunday**

Next Sunday, May 16, we'll continue our series titled *Church Extended*. To prepare, read <u>Acts 19:1-20:12</u>.



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