

God's Encouragement through God's People (Acts 18)

Main Points:

- I. Sources of Discouragement
 - A. Opposition
 - B. Poor Results
 - C. Loneliness
 - D. Financial Strain
- II. Sources of Encouragement
 - A. God's Word
 - B. God's Results
 - C. God's People
 - D. God's Resources

Discussion Questions

1. In verses 9-11, what is the reason God gives Paul when says, "do not be afraid" and what is Paul's response?
2. In 1 Corinthians 3:5-9 what is the hope Paul gives when we are discouraged by poor results and are tempted to let it define who we are?
3. What is God's supply for loneliness? What are some examples in this passage?
4. In 2 Corinthians 11:9, what testimony does Paul give for how God supplied his need?

Going Deeper

1. What alternate voices might you be tempted to listen to that lead to discouragement? How is the gospel a constant source of encouragement?
2. What people has God put in your life that you could encourage this week? How might you encourage them?