



# **Worldwide Missions: Fulfilling the Plan**

*Study Pack 09*

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### Church Planting with a Purpose: Four Pillars of Missions (Part 2)

ix. Utter most parts of the world - the regions beyond.

What's the thing about the uttermost? It's anywhere and everywhere, and it's the place that's really hard to get to. It can be the place that you can't even go to. So what are you going to do if there's a place that you can't go? You got to \_\_\_\_\_ somebody.

And that's really where we're doing a lot of missions: is we're sending missionaries out to places that we cannot go to, or it's just too far away, we're not there. And the Lord said, "both". Meaning what? At the \_\_\_\_\_.

It's not like He said, "Okay, get Jerusalem, and then once you get Jerusalem, then you can go out to Judea. And then once you get Judea, then you go out to Samaria. And then once you get Samaria, then you go to the other."

No. He said "Both" meaning "at the same time". While you're here starting in Jerusalem, you're \_\_\_\_\_ worried about out here in the uttermost. You're also worried about Samaria.

Church planting with purpose is establishing a local work with a global vision. A vision which is inclusive of teaching and preaching the whole counsel of God with an adherence to the four pillars.

Paul said: **Acts 20:26** - <sup>26</sup> *Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.*

There was no group of people that could say, "Paul, you didn't do what needed to be done for us."

What a statement. Through the inspiration of God, Paul was able to make it.

Solomon said: **Ecclesiastes 8:10** - <sup>10</sup> *And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done: this is also vanity.*

- Their death is vanity for two reasons, the first is obvious they are soon forgotten, but the second:
  - i. Their death is vanity if the saint \_\_\_\_\_ to warn them.
  - ii. *It was a Jew who brought the Gospel to Rome; a Roman who took it to France; a Frenchman who took it to Scandinavia; a Scotsman who evangelized Ireland; and an Irishman in turn made the missionary conquest of Scotland.*

The importance of sending missionaries to a place and making a difference is just seen all throughout scripture. And so it is, it behooves us to be mission minded.

This is the need to make a difference in your village, town, city, country, AND continent.

Ultimately we're trying to do is to get into their life, get into their world so that we can make a difference. But, it won't happen on accident. It has to be \_\_\_\_\_. You're not just going to trip over and be successful on this thing.

No, you're going to have to have a vision. You're going to have to have a \_\_\_\_\_. You're going to have to schedule out: How am I going to reach this segment of society?

The world's not commanded to \_\_\_\_\_ to the church. We're commanded to \_\_\_\_\_ to the world. They're not just going to show up.

Now, what we try to do is make it easy for them to show up. We have as many things as we can. We have, and you have, the addictions ministry. We have grief share, divorce care, parenting classes, and these are all, what are we trying to do? We're trying to get people that are struggling on to our campus— on to our property.

People that would probably never come to church, they're scared, they're afraid, but they'll come to a small group somewhere, and that's where it starts. And you begin to minister to them.

- The Mission, my friend, begins with God. It is commissioned unto us by the commandment to go witness to a nation, to a people, to a world which will, by no uncertain terms, die and enter into Hell's flames for all eternity.
- Which changes absolutely NOTHING. Our disbelief will NOT counteract the sentence upon mankind as a result of sin!
- *When James Calvert went out to cannibal Fiji with the message of the Gospel, the captain of the ship dissuaded him, "You will risk your life and all those with you by going among such savages." He replied, "We died before we came here."*

Church planting with purpose must be fulfilled, so His name (that is above all names in heaven and in earth) may be great among the world:

- *For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts. (Malachi 1:11)*

We are not looking at world missions as a *peep hole*, but rather a *window*.

When Paul planted churches, sent men to set things order, or established a Bible school it was always with a \_\_\_\_\_ and multifaceted vision, based upon the four pillars taken from Jesus Christ's own words:

#### I. **Panoramic**

- a. **V.19a** – 'all nations' – **Mark 16:15** – '**all the world**' - As referenced, many fall prey today to looking at the Great Commission through a *peep hole in the door*, rather than a window... better yet a door to be opened to walk through.
- b. Paul said of Ephesus: *For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries. (I Corinthians 16:9)*

- c. Again, of Troas: *Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord, (II Corinthians 2:12)*
- d. Looking through a peep hole at a world which so needs to be reached for Christ,  
\_\_\_\_\_ our effectuality.

Looking through a peephole limits our view. It limits what we can do. It limits what we see. It limits our vision, but God doesn't want us to look at it that way.

He wants our vision to be big. He wants us to see the \_\_\_\_\_. Now that, sometimes we feel like we can't impact the world, but we all have the responsibility to do it; so we want to do everything we can to make that happen.

- Zinzendorf (*the famous Moravian*) said:  
*"I have but one passion—it is He, it is He alone. The world is the field and the field is the world; and henceforth that country shall be my home where I can be most used in winning souls for Christ."*

Our *View* of the mission field is *Panoramic*. But our *Vision* is:

a. **Peripheral**

\_\_\_\_\_ **V.19a** – ‘All nations’ – What is ‘all nations’? It is ‘all the world’, but ‘all the world’ are those \_\_\_\_\_ us as well. We cannot effectually fulfill the Great Commission with a sight that has \_\_\_\_\_ on.

b. **V.20a** – “Teaching them” – The Lord did not tell us to just *send* or to *go*, but to *DO*

We have been given a beautiful example of this format in the life of the Apostle Paul; however, it comes from an obscure church plant, one Paul spent most of his writing rebuking. The church plant at Corinth... It would be relatively easy to go into Acts 19 to show you where Paul remained for 3.5 years, setting a Bible school, sending out preachers throughout Asia Minor and beyond... It is quite fun to teach and preach on the evangelistic explosion which happened in Ephesus, where people burned their books and idols saying “we are done” ... but before you had Ephesus, you had Corinth.

**Acts 18:1–11** – <sup>1</sup> *After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth;* <sup>2</sup> *And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them.* <sup>3</sup> *And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.* <sup>4</sup> *And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.*

<sup>5</sup> *And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.* <sup>6</sup> *And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.*

<sup>7</sup> *And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue.* <sup>8</sup> *And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.* <sup>9</sup> *Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:* <sup>10</sup> *For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.* <sup>11</sup> *And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.*

“After these things” - We are all familiar with the ‘these things’ - referring to what took place in \_\_\_\_\_, as Paul made known unto the Athenians “The Unknown God.”

Many authors lay claim that Paul failed in Athens as a planter and preacher. However, I would disagree (even though his success may not have been as it was in Philippi, Ephesus or Corinth). **Acts 17.33-34a** reveals that some believed!

There were seeds that were planted, and some believed even in this area where he didn't end up spending a lot of time and doing those things. You know, planting seeds requires \_\_\_\_\_, requires preparation. It takes time.

It's not something, sometimes we want to see the immediate results, and sometimes they're not there. Sometimes we're planting, we're planting, we're planting, and we're wanting to see a harvest. We're not seeing a harvest, but we just keep planting. We keep watering, we keep working, and then one day in God's time, what does He do? He rewards; He blesses.

You've read the stories of missionaries that went and spent seven years with no converts whatsoever. Think of how many times they thought they just wanted to quit, but thank God they didn't quit. They stayed the course.

Again, it's why it's so important to know that what we're doing is we're where \_\_\_\_\_ has for us to be, and we're going to be \_\_\_\_\_ there, and God's going to \_\_\_\_\_ us.

- Planting seeds requires labor. It requires preparation of the earth, causing a tear in the ground so to ‘turn it over’ allowing the sun to breakdown the nutrients within, but also rid the land of pest and creatures.

Seeds are sown in ground which has been prepared, nurtured and finally softened so to receive the seed in order to bring forth and abundance of fruit... it is team approach. “I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.”

Sometimes we can look at this as a competition. We're maybe in competition with this church on the other side of town or this group. No, they're not the competition at all.

And in fact, if God blesses that church seemingly more than us? Wonderful, because people are getting \_\_\_\_\_, and ultimately what we're trying to see happen is going to happen. So we're not looking, “Oh, wow, He's doing more there than He's doing for me. No, He's doing something.”

People are getting saved. That's what we want. Now, we'd like to be in on it. We'd like to see the fruit. And in time, we will see that. But right now, it might not be us. Today, it might be them. But tomorrow, it could be us. But it's a \_\_\_\_\_ effort.

Somebody could have said something to this guy 15 years ago. Someone else come along 10 years ago. Someone else come along five years ago. And today, you get to talk to this guy, and he's ripe, he's ready to, and you think, “Wow, look what I've done.”

I win this person to the Lord, but it would have never happened had it not been for the people that planted the seeds. And then someone else come along and watered it. And then God comes along and does what? \_\_\_\_\_ the increase. It's His. It's His harvest, and we just get to be in on it.

So, we find Paul in Corinth, doing what he is accustomed – **V.4** he is reasoning in the synagogue (to the Jew first).

What does it say, verse four? He reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath. Now, what day is that?

\_\_\_\_\_.

Wait a minute. I thought we were in the New Testament. Can I ask you a question? Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, [they're] New Testament books, right? What economy in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John were they operating under? New Testament or Old Testament? New Testament book. What economy? They were operating under an \_\_\_\_\_ Testament economy.

What's happening in the book of Acts? They're transitioning from an Old Testament economy to a New Testament economy. So Acts is a what kind of book? It is a \_\_\_\_\_ book.

Now, you get into the epistles, what is it? It's New Testament. But if you didn't have the book of Acts, you would just go from an Old Testament economy to a New Testament economy, and you wouldn't even know \_\_\_\_\_ you got there. The book of Acts is the hinge that brings you from the Old Testament to the New Testament.

If you find something in the book of Acts, be careful because it is a transitional book. Be careful that you try to build \_\_\_\_\_ out of it unless it is supported in the New Testament epistles. So all your doctrine's going to be built by what you find there.

The story is being written of what they did, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the apostles. So here, they're still meeting on Saturday. They are still transitioning. And they haven't made the full transition yet. They're going to get there. But why are they having a hard time transitioning? Why didn't they just start meeting on Sunday? Why's Paul going to the synagogue on the Sabbath? His custom. So he's doing what he's \_\_\_\_\_ to.

When his counterparts arrive, Paul was so moved by the stubbornness of the Jews, he continues to testify Jesus was Christ - the prophesied Messiah unto Israel (**v.5**).

Paul's preaching, we see it in verse four. He reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath and persuaded the Jews and the Christians and the Greeks, so both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Silas and Timothy, they come from Macedonia. Paul was pressed in the spirit. He testified to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ.

- Yet, in **V.6**, *they* opposed themselves - They just refuse to get it. Paul had reasoned from the Scriptures.

The Jews pretty much are saying what? We don't want to hear it. Now, why are they saying that? Because what's happening? A transition is being made from Old Testament economy to a New Testament economy. And the Jews want to \_\_\_\_\_ in the Old Testament economy. So Paul's doing what he can. They oppose themselves. They blaspheme. He shakes, he shook his raiment. We see that in verse number six.

Paul reasons from the scriptures. (The most read Scripture in all Jewry was Isaiah - **Isaiah 1:18** - <sup>18</sup> *Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.*)

- *REASON: underpinned by \_\_\_\_\_ or good sense: a reasoned judgment. Think, understand, and form judgments by a process of logic*
- The mighty apostle uses good logic to prove Jesus was the very Christ. Yet they continued to simply oppose themselves, to condemn their very souls to an eternal flame through open and *purposed* rejection of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- In ‘opposing’ the facts of faith Christ, they were in fact opposing themselves. Paul was performing this duty as a servant of the Lord - **II Timothy 2.23-26**

In Corinth, sin and vice were at epidemic proportions – lifestyles common in Corinth many would not even speak of – the thoughts would brand the mind into shame. Nevertheless, evangelism and a church plant with purpose could occur here...

- *Even though sin was so incredibly prevalent, it was not the sin we so commonly think of which hindered the revival, it was religion! It was God's people, the Jewish people, \_\_\_\_\_ the problems.*

What the Apostle Paul would preach in Corinth would affect all ages to come, especially those of our modern world. Even the ensemble of church members Paul would assemble, the souls who would be saved, the lives who would be put in order and the multitude of families established and strengthened in the planting of this work would change the world... and church planting as we know it.

**Acts 18:7-11** - <sup>7</sup> *And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue.* <sup>8</sup> *And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.* <sup>9</sup> *Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:* <sup>10</sup> *For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.* <sup>11</sup> *And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.*

Paul walks out of the synagogue, goes right next door, goes inside the guy's named Justus' house.

He was joined hard to the synagogue. And what does he do? He plants a church right there. That's what's happening here.

There are three things we find in Corinth that changed the world, the first is the:

## I. House of Justus

- a. **V.7** - The house of Justus became the local New Testament church of Corinth – It was in Corinth where a very marked and noticeable change occurs in Paul's life and travels – The swift traveling of Paul \_\_\_\_\_ ...
  - i. The year was 51 A.D, and the Olympics were in full force, a common event throughout all of Greece – *While Paul is in Corinth, they are very active in the promotion and attention toward these activities...* When he wrote back to them, he said in: **I Corinthians 9:24** – <sup>24</sup> *Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.*

- ii. There is mighty difference between a sprint and a marathon... the race set before you and today is by all means a \_\_\_\_\_ and not a sprint...Nevertheless, we must run TO win!
  - iii. No one ever woke up in the morning claiming they can't wait to lose! How many here got up this morning saying, "Boy, I am looking forward to losing today!?" No one... even if you have the lowest position in all the land and there is no chance whatsoever of promotion, there's still a desire to win, to at least win the DAY. Therefore, making a difference, church planting with purpose, based on those four pillars Jesus gave must be ran to WIN!
- b. Paul did not want to leave the synagogue, yet God had other plans, which included a house right next door owned by a man named Justus...
- i. **V.7** – *joined hard to the synagogue* – It was right next door, more than likely attached... they can still hear the \_\_\_\_\_ of Paul while he is there...
  - ii. Notice the outline of events:
    - a. **V.6** – *They oppose themselves...*
    - b. **V.7** – *Paul departs...*
    - c. **V.8** – *many believed...*

So Paul goes into the synagogue. He preaches the gospel. They oppose themselves. He shakes his raiment. He leaves the synagogue. He goes next door. He starts a church there, and after he leaves, the ruler of the synagogue, gets saved, and his whole family gets saved.

But it didn't happen while Paul was there. It happened \_\_\_\_\_ he left.

Isn't that amazing? You know, sometimes we think, "wow, we weren't successful." But we were. we just didn't realize it.

God's going to use the testimony of Paul, no doubt. God's going to use the seeds that he planted. He's not going to really be there to see it happen. But it happened.

- c. God wanted Paul \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ so the Holy Spirit could work through the Word of God.
- d. People begin to get saved after Paul leaves the synagogue, how?
  - i. **Romans 10:17** - <sup>17</sup> *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

The Lord had Paul plant a local church - The House of Justus. Secondly, we find the:

## II. Hearing of Jesus

Now, why do you think God does this for Paul? What do you think Paul might've been inclined to do when seemingly he was unsuccessful and they didn't want to hear it and they opposed themselves? Paul might just want to \_\_\_\_\_ to another place.

Sometimes we make our decisions about whether or not this is the place based on the \_\_\_\_\_. And the results are not the thing you need to look to.

God is going to give Paul a message. This is what He's going to tell him. He's going to say, "Paul, don't be afraid. Just speak. Hold not by peace. Don't stop speaking. Don't stop preaching."

As if to say, "I know they oppose themselves. I know you think they're not listening, but Paul want to let you in on something that you wouldn't know. Number one, for I am with thee and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee." And look at what God said here. I love this. God said, "for I have much people in this city. Paul, you're okay here. You're going to be safe. I'm going to protect you. Don't be afraid. Don't be afraid to preach. Don't be afraid to speak. Paul, I've got a lot of people here. Paul, I'm going to do something here. It doesn't look like it right now, but I'm going to do it."

He's going to spend some time here for a year and a half, and he's going to get this church going. Why? Because God's told him, "Paul, I've got people here. I've got to work here. I'm going to protect you here. You're going to be safe. No one's going to hurt you. This is the place, Paul. This is the place."

- a. **V.9-10** - We are going to have to \_\_\_\_\_ from God today, in the world we live in and the bombardment of temptations and trials - we have to hear from our Lord. We do so, through His Word... right here in our hands. We are to place it in our hands and our hearts.

We're going to think we're in the wrong place. We're going to think, "Man, they're not listening. We must have missed it. We should probably be somewhere else doing something else with another group of people."

But the Lord's saying, "No, no, no. I've got a job for you right here. I am with you."

But what did Paul need? Paul needed to hear from the Lord. And when he heard from the Lord, it gave him the strength to just \_\_\_\_\_ the course.

And so many Christians try to do this thing on their own, and they don't spend time with God, and consequently they never hear from the Lord. And what's going to happen if you don't spend time with God and you don't hear from Him? You are going to want to \_\_\_\_\_, especially when it's hard. You're going to want to quit when people don't want to listen to what you have to say. You're going to want to quit when you're afraid of what's going to happen.

You're just going to think, "Well, I must have missed it. This can't be God's plan. This can't be the thing that He has for me. I've just got to go back. I got to go somewhere else."

Do you know how many preachers, they go, they pastor a church for a few years and problems come, and they'll jump to the next one and jump to the next one? You know why? They're not \_\_\_\_\_ from God.

You need to hear from God. You need to get a message from Him. You need to get in prayer and in your Bible and get the message from Him that He's got for you that's going to keep you there.

- b. But in order to hear, we must declutter our lives. Often times, we have a plan, but no vision for the plan, or we have a vision without a plan. The Lord will give the plan and perform the doing of it. The vision must include time where we are alone with God, removed from the battle of the day, and focus solely on what He wants in our lives, where He wants us to do His work and caveat when He will perform it.
- c. It is simple, but not easy.
  - Notice the message Paul receives in *V.10* – ‘*much people in the city*’ – the sinners of this wicked city were getting saved – the Word of God spread through there like a wildfire: **I Corinthians 6:9-11** - Friend, Paul would see some of the most wicked sinners saved and born again - be sanctified eternally and earthly to set up this first church that would become an example for two millennia!

Finally, we see the:

### III. Hall of Judgement

**Acts 18:12–16** - <sup>12</sup> *And when Gallio was the deputy of Achaia, the Jews made insurrection with one accord against Paul, and brought him to the judgment seat,* <sup>13</sup> *Saying, This fellow persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law.* <sup>14</sup> *And when Paul was now about to open his mouth, Gallio said unto the Jews, If it were a matter of wrong or wicked lewdness, O ye Jews, reason would that I should bear with you:* <sup>15</sup> *But if it be a question of words and names, and of your law, look ye to it; for I will be no judge of such matters.* <sup>16</sup> *And he drave them from the judgment seat.*

Now Paul is going to be dragged before the judge to the judgment seat. And sometimes we're going to find ourselves in the hall of judgment.

Paul goes here. He goes to the synagogue. They don't want to hear it. He leaves the synagogue. He goes right next door. He plants a church right next door. After he leaves the synagogue, people begin to get saved. The ruler gets saved. His house gets saved. Many Corinthians get saved. But he goes next door. He starts the church there, but the Jews are still after him.

The Jews \_\_\_\_\_ to the judge, and Paul is brought before the judge. The Jews have made their case. They've made their complaint against Paul.

Paul's getting ready to say something, but he doesn't even have to say anything. He doesn't even have to defend himself. God is \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ working.

And the judge there, Galileo, he realizes something. “Wait a minute. You guys are just talking about your laws and your customs and the Jewish traditions. If we had a real matter here of a problem, I would deal with it, but your laws and your customs? You guys figure that out, I don't want any part of that.”

What was he saying? “Paul's fine. Paul hasn't done anything wrong. Paul's not going to be judged. He's not going to be sentenced. He's committed no crime.”

What did God do there? God stepped in and God worked. God had told him, “Paul, don't be afraid. Paul, no one's going to hurt you here. Paul, I've got a lot of people here in this place.”

Now God makes a promise to Paul. Paul's brought before the judgment seat. Guess what? Did God fulfill the promise that he made? Yes, He did. And He'll do it \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

And the Bible says in verse 16, and he drove them from the judgment seat. Now look at this.

**Acts 18:17** - <sup>17</sup> *Then all the Greeks took Sosthenes, the chief ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the judgment seat. And Gallio cared for none of those things.*

It was almost like a Haman. They were hung by their own gallows. They come there hoping to harm Paul, to bring him before the judgment seat, so he'll get the punishment that he deserves, but he had done no wrong.

God sees it. God knows. And then the ruler, the guy that was spearheading this attack and trying to make it all happen, the Greeks take him and beat \_\_\_\_\_. He got what he had coming to him.

Sometimes, we don't always see people get what they have coming. The day will come when they will get it. The Judge of all the earth will \_\_\_\_\_ right. And people who do things now and seemingly get away with them, the day will come when they will not get away with them. They will stand before God.

Many of them He'll get here on planet earth right now perhaps. But those that seemingly escape the grip of God's judgment will not ultimately escape the grip of God's judgment. So we just trust Him to right the wrongs that we see in this world.

- a. **V.12** - Our faith is before the judgment hall of the world every day - whether we like that or not, it is a fact. Look at what happens in **vs.13-16**. Those who falsely accused Paul and this NT work of God were driven away, all claims were determined un-founded.

**Matthew 16:18** - <sup>18</sup> *And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.* – Herein lies the planting with purpose, yet understanding the four pillars given by the One Who had ALL POWER in heaven and earth. Jesus Christ will build the Church; we have to do the *work* and the let Holy Spirit have the *wisdom*.

- When Paul writes his 2nd letter to the Corinthians he opens with *Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia*: Paul began to win people to Christ and send these young evangelists outside the city... *all the churches of Achaia* – that is the entire southern portion of Greece – full of churches.

And where did it start? It started in a guy's house right next door to a synagogue when Paul tried to preach and they wouldn't hear him and they blasphemed; they were opposed to themselves and Paul had to leave, seemingly unsuccessful.

But after he leaves, people get saved. He goes next door. He plants a church. People get saved. They send preachers out. He spends a year and a half there and it affects that region.

And again, this was the Corinthian church, the church that had a lot of problems. But you know what they did? They took the gospel and they \_\_\_\_\_ it and they \_\_\_\_\_ their world.

Now how were they able to do that? Because God was with him just like He said He would be.

b. In Corinth, Paul began to do things which had never been done before...

c. Think about it...

- i. In this House of Justus, we find a \_\_\_\_\_ multitude of believers. Paul brings them under one roof – all different classes of people sitting side by side – people who were enemies one of another. Kindred who hated one another, would seek to kill one another, now up under one roof, singing praises to God together.
- ii. Not only this, but he also brought about great \_\_\_\_\_, later moving worship as the Lord directed from the 7<sup>th</sup> day to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of week: **I Corinthians 16:2** - *Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.*

Remember early on when in the synagogue they were meeting on what day? On the \_\_\_\_\_ day.

But when he writes to the church, what day are they meeting on? The \_\_\_\_\_ day of the week. See they were transitioning over from what? From the Old Testament system to the New Testament system, and it happened right here.

- iii. In Troas we find in: **Acts 20:7** - *And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.*

d. Paul takes these people and teaches them in the House of Justus about Hearing from Jesus, so they will stand the test of the Hall of Judgment.

**V.11** – Beloved, he teaches them about:

- i. Family
- ii. Business
- iii. Debt
- iv. Marriage

- v. Lawsuits
- vi. Children
- vii. Tithing
- viii. Employment
- ix. Employing

And because they had these problems, they were a wonderful example for God to let us know how we were supposed to do it and how we're not supposed to do it.

If they hadn't had all the problems, we wouldn't have much. There wouldn't have been these things for God to write about. So He's going to use a group of people that had a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ so we can see how to \_\_\_\_\_ with these problems and how to \_\_\_\_\_ people through these problems and how to pastor and shepherd a group of people— not perfect people, people with issues. But that's what missions is all about.

- e. This church is being built from the ground up. In teaching, Paul has to deal with the perpetual problems of life. It takes time to fellowship, and his letters take on personal aspect of people's life.

What made the church plant so unique - what will make the difference for the next church plant we invest our lives into?

We are talking about the House of Justus – quite remarkable, all this growth, throughout the whole world began in house owned by a *man* named Justus. **Colossians 4:11** - It has to be house, established - rooted and ground - owned and operated by the Man, names Justus - the Lord Jesus Christ - *...upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

- It takes time to form relationships and relationships is what makes the difference in church planting, prospering and producing. Paul gives good advice to a good man in Timothy by saying: *And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. (II Timothy 2:2)*

When you go out, if God charges you to go out and plant a new church, you're going to have to figure out a way to build \_\_\_\_\_ with people in that area. If you don't, you will not be successful.

Paul gives good advice to a good man in Timothy. He says this, *in the things that thou has heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also.* That is exactly what happened here in Acts chapter number 18.

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