



SERMON NOTES FROM 9.13.26

- SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: ACTS 18:18-28

Growing beyond what we know; being teachable

Acts 18:21

But as he left, he promised, “I will come back if it is God’s will.” Then he set sail from Ephesus.

Following Jesus means trusting not only God’s destination, but also God’s timing.

A disciple is always learning.

A disciple is always growing.

A disciple is always listening.

A disciple is always allowing Jesus to reveal another area of life that needs transformation.

God often sends people into our lives to teach us what we cannot see for ourselves.

Acts 18:23

After spending some time in Antioch, Paul set out from there and traveled from place to place throughout the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

Evangelism begins the journey.

Discipleship strengthens the journey.

Ephesians 4:15we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

Acts 18:24

Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures.

Acts 18:25

He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervor and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John.

His theology wasn't necessarily false. It was incomplete. And there is a big difference.

Acts 18:26

He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.

Truth and Grace

You can measure spiritual maturity by how someone responds when they are corrected.

Proverbs 12:1

Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but whoever hates correction is stupid.

Proverbs 27:17

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Acts 18:27

When Apollos wanted to go to Achaia, the brothers and sisters encouraged him and wrote to the disciples there to welcome him. When he arrived, he was a great help to those who by grace had believed.

1 Corinthians 3:6

I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.

Ephesians 2:8–9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves; it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

By grace.

Acts 18:28

For he vigorously refuted his Jewish opponents in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah.

Genesis 3 — the offspring who crushes the serpent.

Genesis 22 — God provides the sacrifice.

Exodus 12 — the Passover Lamb.

Psalms 22 — the suffering righteous one.

Isaiah 53 — wounded for our transgressions.

Micah 5 — born in Bethlehem.

Zechariah — the king comes riding on a donkey.

3 lessons we learn from Apollos:

1. Use what God has already given you

2. Remain teachable

Philippians 3:12

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal...
Are you still growing?

3. Everything must point to Jesus

Make Jesus known.

What am I doing with what God has given me?

Where do I still need to grow?

Does my life point people toward Jesus?

God, teach me so You can use me.

Jesus, I haven't arrived. Keep teaching me. Keep shaping me. Keep correcting me. Keep growing me. And use everything You've placed within me to point someone else to You.