



The Third Missionary Journey

Acts 18:23-21:16

A. The Qualities of a Firelogged Apollos

1. Apollos was set ablaze in the Spirit with what he knew.

“Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. 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.” Acts 18:24-25 (NIV)

2. Apollos spoke with boldness and humility.

“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.” Acts 18:26 (NIV)

3. Apollos was faithful to his call.

“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. For he vigorously refuted his Jewish opponents in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah.” Acts 18:27-28 (NIV)

B. The Qualities of a Firelogged Paul

1. Paul was faithful to worship with believers.
“On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight.” Acts 20:7 (NIV)
2. Paul was faithful to preach intentionally.
“Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead.” Acts 20:9 (NIV)
3. Paul was faithful to serve with compassion.
“Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. ‘Don’t be alarmed,’ he said. ‘He’s alive!’ Then he went upstairs again and broke bread and ate. After talking until daylight, he left. The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted.” Acts 20:10-12 (NIV)

C. The Qualities of Firelogged Disciples

1. A firelogged disciple worships with other disciples.
“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

*“A Christian without a church is like a lone sheep in the wilderness, exposed to countless dangers.”
-The Gospel Reformation Network*
2. A firelogged disciple speaks boldly, but with humility.
“‘Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray

*that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.’”
Ephesians 10:19-20 (NIV)*

3. A firelogged disciple serves the Lord faithfully.

“‘A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.’” John 13:34-35 (NIV)

4. A firelogged disciple prays faithfully.

“He replied, ‘This kind can come out only by prayer.’” Mark 9:29 (NIV)

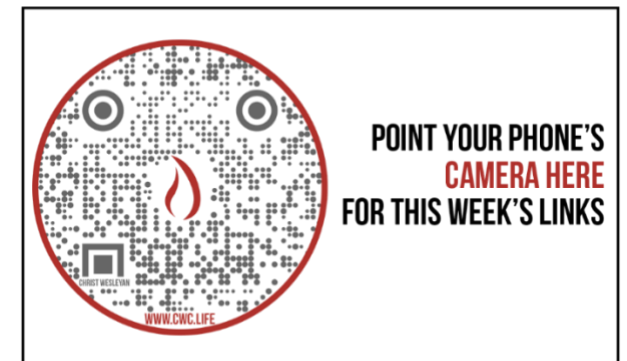
Bottom Line:

As disciples, we are called to be firelogged.

To begin a relationship with Jesus...

Text: “Jesus” to 570-273-0088

Next Sunday: “impACTS”
Week 7: Paul’s Fourth Missionary Journey
Milton Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach
Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 91.3% of goal

Giving year to date: 83.9% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 1808

Salvations to date: 42 | Baptisms to date: 35

Upcoming Happenings:

September 24: 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting begins

October 12: Food Packing Party

October 25: Trunk or Treat – 6:30p

Serve God by Loving Others:

1. Serve God Through Your Family. To serve God starts with serving our families. Daily we work, clean, love, support, listen to, teach, and endlessly give of ourselves to our family. We may often feel overwhelmed with all that we must do. As we lovingly give of ourselves to our family, and serve them with hearts full of love, our acts also serve God.

2. Give Tithes and Offerings. One of the ways we can serve God is by helping His children, our brothers and sisters, through tithing, a generous offering. Money from tithing is used to build God's kingdom on the earth. Contributing financially to God's work is a great way to serve God. Money from offerings is used to help the hungry, thirsty, naked, strange, sick, and afflicted (see Matt 25:34-36) both those locally and world wide.

3. Volunteer in Your Community. There are countless ways to serve God by serving in your community. From donating blood to adopting a highway, your local community has great need of your time, efforts and resources. You can easily become involved in your community by contacting a local group, charity, or other community program.

4. Serve God on a mission trip. (P.B. added this) Short-term missions trips are a great way to serve those in need around the world. Christ Wesleyan offers multiple trips every year. We also give many ways throughout the year for local missions involvement for the whole family.

5. Donate Clothing and Other Goods. All throughout the world, there are places to donate unused clothing, shoes, dishes, blankets/quilts, toys, furniture, books, and other items. Generously giving of these items to help others is an easy way to serve God and declutter your home at the same time.

6. Be a Friend. One of the simplest and easiest ways to serve God and others is by befriending one another. As we take the time to serve and be friendly, we'll not only support others but also build a network of support for ourselves. Make others feel at home, and soon you'll feel at home. Who does not love and need friends? Let us make a new friend today!

7. Serve God by Serving Children. So many children and teenagers need our love and we can give it! There are many programs to become involved with helping children and you can easily become a school or community volunteer. Jesus Christ loves all the children of the world and so too should we love and serve them.

8. Mourn with Those that Mourn. Carefully asking appropriate questions often helps people feel your love and empathy for them and their situation. Following the whisperings of the Spirit will help guide us to know what to say or do as we care for one another.

9. Follow Inspiration. When going through my own trials, I listened for inspiration. I took every meeting and every phone call. I read every book that was presented. Each time I was obedient, I felt His inspiration! What an incredible walk with Jesus. Listen and move! Follow His steps for you and be truly inspired!

10. Share Your Talents. Each of us have been given talents from the Lord that we should develop and use to serve God and others. Examine your life and find your gifts, skills and talents. What are you good at? How could you use your talents to help those around you? Are you good with children? Do you enjoy time with the elderly? Do you like to cook or bake? Are you good with your hands? Computers? Gardening? Building? Organizing? You can help others with your skills by praying for help to develop your talents.

11. Simple Acts of Service. Sometimes all it takes to serve God is to give a smile, hug, wave, prayer, facebook message, text or a friendly phone call to someone in need.

12. Serve God Through Missionary Work. One of the most important and rewarding ways in which we can serve our fellowmen is by living and sharing the principles of the gospel. We need to help those whom we seek to serve to know for themselves that God not only loves them but he is ever mindful of them and their needs.

13. Fulfill Your Callings. When we seek to serve others, we are motivated not by selfishness but by charity and giving. This is the way Jesus Christ lived His life. Faithfully serving in our callings is to faithfully serve God.

14. Use Your Creativity: It Comes from God. We are compassionate creators of a compassionate and creative being. The Lord will bless and help us as we creatively and compassionately serve one another. The Lord will bless us with the needed strength, guidance, patience, charity, and love to serve His children.

15. Serve God by Humbling Yourself. I believe it is impossible to truly serve God and His children if we, ourselves, are full of pride. Developing humility is a choice that takes effort but as we come to understand why we should be humble, it will become easier to become humble. As we humble ourselves before the Lord our desire to serve God will greatly increase as will our capacity to be able to give of ourselves in the service of all our brothers and sisters.

By Rachel Bruner

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