

From the message on June 11

The Church the World Needs: Clear Gospel, Acts 18-19

Text Acts 18:24-28

From the Sermon

The good news about Jesus continues to extend further into the world, even today. We celebrate that Jesus continues to multiply his witnesses! Sometimes, the clarity of the message breaks down over time, distance, and culture. The church the world needs not only encourages the message of Jesus extending, we humbly commit to growing in clarity. We'll learn to answer the question, *In what ways does Jesus matter most, exactly?*

Opening Interaction.

Remember the game of telephone? Try this version (if your group doesn't mind having a little fun with it!):

1. Cut 7-10 sheets of paper into fourths. Bring enough pens for the group. If there is an even number of people, the game leader will sit out and guide.
2. Designate who goes first. They will write one thing on their sheet of paper - a place, an animal, or a saying can be quite fun. Then they pass it to their left.
3. The person receiving the paper now draws what they see written on a new sheet of paper. No writing is allowed on drawing pages. And every turn happens on a new piece of paper. They pass this to their left.
4. The third person then writes what they think the picture is. Pass to the left. Steps 3-4 repeat until the last person has taken a turn.
5. The game leader then calls for everyone to show their page. See how the message changes!

Read the passage and Discuss

In this passage, what details seem important? Does anything jump out at you?

What is the author communicating to his audience (the readers)?

What does this passage teach us about Jesus mattering most?

1. Have you ever experienced a process of gaining clarity about the good news of Jesus?
2. What are unclear-about-Jesus voices in your life saying about Jesus?
3. Would you describe this story about Apollos as a warning or an encouragement?

Encourage Each Other

Pray for VBS this week. Children will be hearing clear presentations of the good news!

Pray for Student Ministry this summer. The ministry has strong leaders, a team advising for the time-between-directors, and a hiring search already underway.

Pray for Elder recommendations, training, and eventual nominations this year.