
6. Paul in Europe

Acts 17:1 – 18:21

Sharing our Faith

1. Read Acts 1:8 and record the promises that Jesus leaves to his disciples (and us). Is this verse a promise and a command or two promises?
2. Read Luke 12:11-12 and list below the promise that Jesus offers to reassure his disciples that they will know what to say when they are witnessing. Read Matthew 10:16-20 as well and record the promises given there.
3. Read 2 Timothy 2:15. What command is given to Timothy regarding preparing to share the Gospel? How does this command seem to conflict with Luke 12:11-12 and Matthew 10:16-20 (above)? Is there a conflict between these passages?
4. Read Isaiah 55:11 and discuss God's promise for accomplishing His purpose in sharing the Gospel with others.

Pattern for Witnessing

Read Paul's dialogue in Athens from Acts 17:22-31 and describe how Paul demonstrates these 4 key elements of sharing our faith with others.

- **Observe your surroundings** (God has placed you there for a reason)
 - Acts 17:16; 17; 22-23a
- **Look for what is missing** (God has placed a need for himself in the hearts of men – Romans 1:20-25)
 - Acts 17:23
- **Fill the missing piece with the Gospel** (Jesus is the fulfillment for our longings)
 - Acts 17:24
 - Acts 17:28-29
- **Invite repentance and offer reconciliation with God**
 - Acts 17:30-31