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## The Fuel of Missions

Acts 18

### Main Idea

A Sovereign God moves through His people to go on Mission that proper worship may exist.

### Overview

- **Reasoning, Persuading, & being occupied with the Word to help people see the Messiah**
  - Occupied: Pressing into something, namely the Word
    - Result is a testifying to that Word so that others may see Christ
  - The Word rejected whereby Paul claims that their blood is on their heads
    - Passover: They will have to pay for their own sin, due to rejection of Christ
- **God Sovereignty & Man's responsibility to evangelize**
  - God knows there are people who are His before Paul preaches, which illustrates God's Sovereignty in salvation
  - Yet Paul still preaches & persuades...and does so for a year and a half
    - God predestines the elect, but it is the responsibility and joyful acceptance of the redeemed to persuade others into the Kingdom knowing ultimately He is the God of salvation (cf. Romans 10:14-17)
  - God is faithful to His promise that He wouldn't be harmed as is evidenced by Gallio's conclusion
- **Paul heads back to Antioch & Jerusalem to share good news of 2<sup>nd</sup> Missionary journey**
  - Along the way he stops in Ephesus in order to begin church planting there
  - Leaves Aquila and Priscilla for work there
  - Apollos is corrected & bears fruit in ministry, and then he is sent to Achaia to bear fruit there in helping others testify to being brought to salvation by grace

### Questions

*Discussion starter: Have you ever met a Missionary? What were they like? What did they do? How was what they did similar to what your life looks like?*

1. How would Paul's being "occupied with the word" bring about testifying to others about the Messiah?
2. Discuss practically how the study of the word should move to Mission not sterility.
3. Why do you think Paul uses the language of the "blood" being on their own heads?
4. In what way does believing take away the "blood" from our own heads?
5. How do we see the Sovereignty of God & the necessity of evangelism in this passage?
6. Why do you think many in evangelicalism get passionate about God "predestining" those to salvation?

7. Does God's Sovereignty in salvation seem to immobilize or mobilize Paul for Missions?
8. How can these truths encourage your evangelism?
9. Discuss the role of "reasoning" and "persuading" as well as God being Sovereign in salvation.
10. How is Restoration Church engaging this same mission to bring about proper worship to DC and beyond. (This is a good exercise to bring clarity to the "vision" of the church so that everyone can be exposed to the sweep of our church and how it is caught up in the Mission of God)

*Accountability Question: As you consider the fact that missions exists because proper worship does not...How does your prayer life reflect the burden of seeing proper worship in our city and in our world?*