

Sermon Title: "THE CHURCH AT CORINTH"

Date: November 5, 2023 - Acts 18:1-8

Central Idea: Christians working together can present an effective and long-lasting ministry. Are you actively working in ministry with other believers?

Introduction: In Acts 18 we find the apostle Paul in Corinth. The contrast between Paul's experience in Athens and those in Corinth is very striking. The two cities are only forty miles apart, and yet, while Paul's work in Athens was not marked by any striking success, in Corinth he did some of the best and most widely influential work of his life. The length of time spent there shows the importance of the city, which was the capital of the Roman province of Achaia, part of modern-day Greece.

I. Paul and His Life vv. 1-4

1. Friendship vv. 1-2

2. Employment v. 3

3. Ministry v. 4

II. Paul and His Work vv. 5-8

1. Proclamation in the Synagogue vv. 5-6

2. Converts in Corinth vv. 7-8

Conclusion: Paul found a promising couple and began pouring his life into theirs. He was eager to share with them the lessons he had learned following Christ. We have seen this pattern time and time again. Paul knew his job. He was to preach the gospel to every creature. But he also knew his limitations. He was just one man! If he could train others to be his co-laborers, he would double his effectiveness.

We have a record of Paul's training syllabus in 2 Timothy 3:10-11. Paul mentioned nine things. *You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me.*