

NT - Acts---Spread of the Early Church

Confirmation - Lesson A18

Name: _____ Date: _____

Memory Verse for the week: 'For to me to live is _____, and to die is _____.'
Philippians 1:21

The Early Church was driven by Jesus' _____ and their encounter with the risen Christ--- they persevered, regardless of _____.

Acts 1:8 - "But you will receive power when the _____ has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

_____ was leading the persecution against the Early Church and this caused them to spread out.

- Saul is on the road to Damascus to arrest Christians and meets the risen _____.
- God uses _____ people, regardless of background, to advance His Kingdom!

Acts 10 & 16 - The Gospel was available to _____, regardless of gender, background, status, employment, or wealth.

- **Colossians 3:11** - 'Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.'

Paul begins his _____ major missionary journeys and has a similar _____ in each city.

- Begins in the _____ and then moves onto the Gentiles.
- Understands the _____ and balances his presentation with boldness and respect.
- Paul shares his _____ and his encounter with the risen Jesus
- _____ and miracles supported his proclamation of Jesus
- He would stay in an area for a time and help raise up a _____ with leaders.
- He _____ up with the churches through personal visits, by sending other people, and through letters of encouragement & correction.

Acts 15 - The Early Church was not _____ and disputes arose between Jewish and non-Jewish (Gentiles) Christians.

Paul is _____ numerous times for his faith and goes to see the Emperor in Rome. He is eventually put to _____ for his faith.

Main Point: The message of Jesus spreads through dedicated _____ throughout the 1st century.

Reflection Time- *Use this space to silently reflect on these questions:*

1) What was unique about the Apostle Paul?

2) Why was the Apostle Paul such an effective missionary?

3) Do you believe you are a missionary and explain why or why not?

4) How does the way you act affect how people around you see your faith?

5) Philippians 1:21 says, 'For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.' What does this mean to you?

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____