

SERMON OUTLINE

Sermon Notes on Acts 18, Where are good examples of leadership?

Context: Paul continues his second missionary journey, which includes a year and a half in Corinth, then he makes a return trip home to Antioch, leaving the new churches in capable leadership.

[1] Aquila and Priscilla, leaders in business (1-3, 18, 26)

A. This couple partnered with Paul in tent-making business

B. They became leaders among Paul's coworkers (Rom 16:3; 1 Cor 16:19; 2 Tim 4:19)

Apply: Are you a leader in your business or profession?

[2] Paul, a leader in the gospel (4-11)

A. Paul led in the presentation of the gospel (4-5)

B. Paul led despite opposition to the gospel (6; Matt 10:14)

C. Paul led because of the validation of the gospel (9-10)--and so can you!

[3] Justus, Crispus, and Sosthenese, leaders in the church

A. Justus led by opening his home for the church (7)

B. Crispus led by bringing his family to the Lord (8; 1 Cor 1:14)

C. Sosthenes led by suffering for his new faith (17; 1 Cor 1:1)

These men gave leadership to their church—what about you?

[4] Gallio, a leader in politics (12-17)

A. His full name is Lucius Junius Gallio Annaeanus, the brother of the philosopher Seneca

B. Roman records place Gallio as proconsul of Corinth in 51-52 AD, giving us the most accurate date of Paul's ministry

C. Gallio's behavior seems indifferent, but it is an important precedence of legal tolerance.

[5] Apollos, a leader in Scripture (24-28)

A. Apollos led in private study of Scripture (24-25)

B. He also followed the lead of others in Scripture (26)

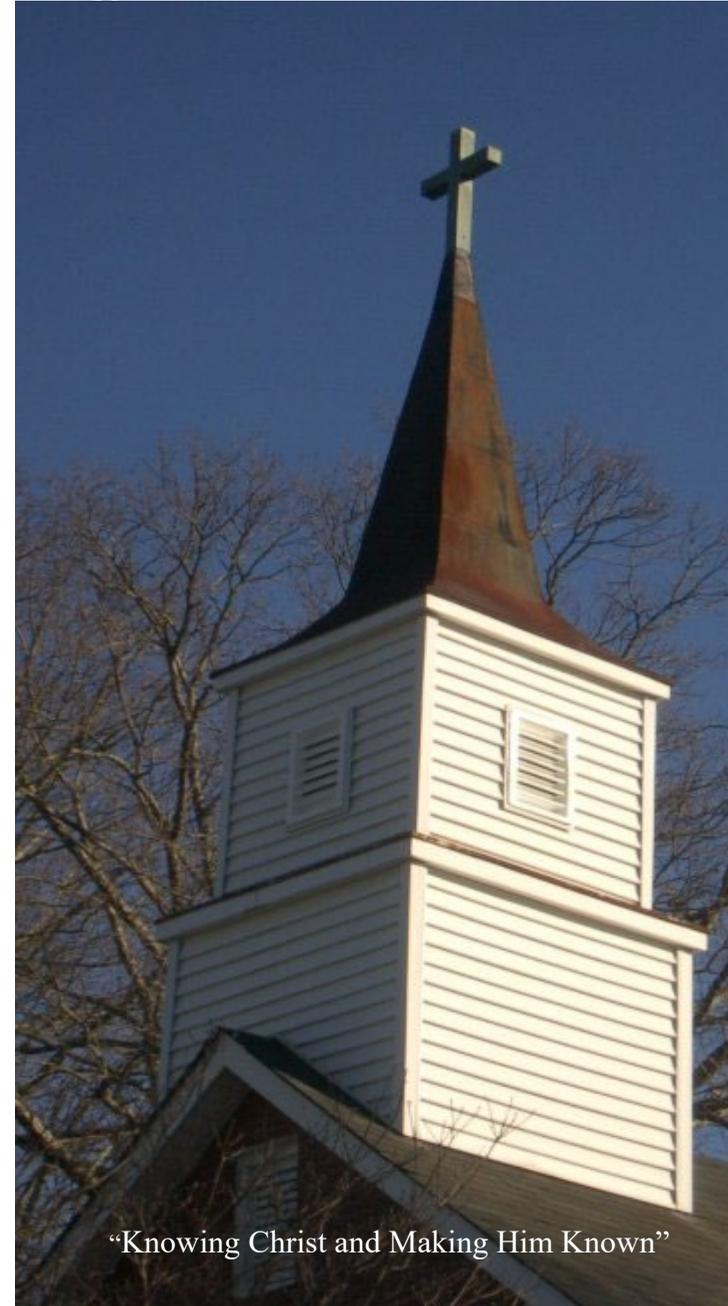
C. He led in public teaching of Scripture (27-28)

Closing Application: Leaders are those who know how to follow Christ's leadership, so are you leading?

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WELCOME AND GOOD MORNING!

Welcome to our worship of the living and true God through His Son Christ Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. As we gather, keep in mind that the Father seeks such to worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:23–24), so worship is our most important response to God's grace.

In keeping with the Fanning the Flame emphasis on church renewal and outreach, we've been looking at the book of Acts on the first expansion of the church and our memory verse for today is Acts 18:5, "Paul was compelled by the Spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ." (NKJ)

"Knowing Christ and Making Him Known"

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Greetings! Please take a moment to greet those sitting around you and be sure to put your cellphone on silent mode. There are staffed nursery facilities for children under 4, plus a Children's Church after the Kid's Bible Chat and a cry room where a monitor shows the worship service. Overflow seating in the Fellowship Hall is available where the service is shown on large screens, and if you need to leave the service, please use the side aisles so as not to block the view of those watching the live stream videoing.

Welcome and Announcements

Chris Cleaveland

Prelude Please use this time to "Be still and know that I am God" (Ps 46:10)

WE WORSHIP GOD AS THE ONE WHO LEADS HIS OWN

- Call to Worship Led by Ruling Elder David Pruitt
From Psalm 23 (NKJ), The Lord Leads His own

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever."

* Chorus of Worship: #691 "Surely Goodness and Mercy"

* Prayer of Invocation

- From the Westminster Larger Catechism
- Q.195 "What do we pray for in the sixth petition of the Lord's Prayer?"
- A. In the sixth petition (which is, And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil), we pray ... that God would so order all things, bestow and bless all means of grace, and quicken us to watchfulness in the use of them, that we and all his people may by his providence be kept from being tempted to sin; or, if tempted, that by his Spirit we may be powerfully supported and enabled to stand in the hour of temptation: or when fallen, raised again and recovered out of it, and have a sanctified use and improvement thereof: that our sanctification and salvation may be perfected, Satan trodden under our feet, and we fully freed from sin, temptation, and all evil, for ever."

*Hymn of Worship # 688 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" (D)

WE PRAY TO GOD AS THE ONE WHO LEADS HIS OWN

Mission Report from Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

Pastoral Prayer followed by The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13 KJV)

"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."

WE LISTEN TO GOD AS THE ONE WHO LEADS HIS OWN

- * Memory verse for today: "Paul was compelled by the Spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ." (Acts 18:5 NKJ)
- * Memory verse for next Lord's Day, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" (Acts 19:2 ESV)
- Scripture Reading: Acts 18:1-11, Paul arrives in Corinth.

WE GIVE TO GOD AS THE ONE WHO LEADS HIS OWN

* Song of Leading # 680 "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" (G)

Receiving of God's Tithe and our Offerings

Offertory

- Hymn of Presentation # 684 "Previous Lord, Take My Hand" (Ab)

WE LEARN FROM GOD AS THE ONE WHO LEADS HIS OWN

Children's Bible Chat
Children Ages 4-7 are invited to go to Children's Church with Janice Pruitt and Lori Pruitt.

Special Music: "I'm Standing on the Solid Rock" with "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

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WE RESPOND TO GOD AS THE ONE WHO LEADS HIS OWN

*Hymn of Response # 690 "He Leadeth Me" ©

*Charge and Benediction from 2 Corinthians 2:14, 17 (NIV)

"Thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ ... (so) we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God."

Song of Parting # 426 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
"Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds, Is like to that above."

Postlude