

## Follow Me As I Follow Christ - A Journey with Paul

### ***“Preaching Like Paul Preached”***

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Scripture Reading: 2 Tim. 3:16-4:4; Sermon covers: Acts 17 7.17.16

#### ***Introduction:***

- A. Preaching, teaching and sharing the Word of God are some of the most \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ activities any of us can be involved in.
  - 1. At the same time, they can be one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ activities that any of us can be involved in.
- B. The apostle Paul was one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ preachers, teachers and sharers of God’s Word.
- C. Today’s sermon applies to preachers, elders, and teachers, and to every \_\_\_\_\_, because all of us must properly employ the Word of God in our own lives, and we are also called to share the Word with others.
- D. Let’s see what we can apply to our own lives from Paul’s preaching and teaching.

#### ***I. The Story***

- A. Toward the end of Paul’s 2nd Missionary Journey, he traveled to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. As Paul moved about the city, he encountered \_\_\_\_\_ culture at its worst, and it upset him deeply.
  - 2. The prevalence of \_\_\_\_\_ and the resulting commercial windfall and sinful behavior they spawned gnawed at that preacher’s soul.
- B. Let’s get a picture of what that ancient city was like.
  - 1. It was a city unsurpassed in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. It was a junkyard of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ dream.
- C. Paul first went and taught at the \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Then he went into the \_\_\_\_\_ and ran into some Epicureans and Stoics.
  - 1. To summarize and compare the two philosophies, the Epicureans goal was to “\_\_\_\_\_ life,” and the Stoics goal was to “\_\_\_\_\_ life.”
- E. The people were interested in Paul’s teaching and invited him to speak at the \_\_\_\_\_.
- F. Paul’s sermon to them was a masterpiece.
  - 1. He started with a courteous, truthful \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. Then he focused on something \_\_\_\_\_, so that he might explain something \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3. He talked about \_\_\_\_\_ the unknown God was and \_\_\_\_\_ the unknown God \_\_\_\_\_ from people.
  - 4. Paul slipped in two controversial “R” words: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.
- G. The response Paul received is \_\_\_\_\_ to the response we receive today.

#### ***II. The Application*** - As we share the Word of God, let’s always...

- A. Stay focused on the main \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Speak the \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Start where our \_\_\_\_\_ is.
- D. Surrender the \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

Answer Key: Intro.A. important, rewarding. A.1. challenging, humbling. B. effective, faithful. C. Christian. I.A. Athens. I.A.1. Greek. I.A.2. idols. I.B.1. sculpture, architecture. I.B.2. idols. I.B.3. philosophers. I.C. synagogue. I.D. marketplace. I.D.1. enjoy, endure. I.E. Areopagus. I.F.1. observation. I.F.2. familiar, unfamiliar. I.F.3. who, what, wanted. I.F.4. repent, resurrection. I.G. similar. II.A. subject. II.B. truth, fear. II.C. audience. II.D. results.