

LIFEGROUP STUDY
HOW TO START A REVOLUTION:
“The Dip”
Acts 18:1-17
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PARTICIPANT NOTES

OVERVIEW

Welcome back to our series, How to Start a Revolution. Over the weeks of this series, we’re exploring the book of Acts to see how the NT church was the Revolution for Jesus in their day and how we can be the Revolution today! In life, we’re constantly faced with decisions about whether to quit or stick it out. “The Dip” is that challenging season when we should persevere and not quit. When you’re facing decisions, how can you know if you’re coming to a dead end and it’s time to quit or if you’re in The Dip and you should persevere? In today’s study, we’ll explore how Paul leaned into God and his sense of calling to discern when to quit and when to persevere. Our goal is that Paul’s example will give us wisdom to know when to quit and when it’s time to stick it out and persevere.

ICEBREAKER - My Tentmaker Skill

In Acts 18, the Apostle Paul works with Aquila and Priscilla. Together, they make tents to earn a living. (see Acts 18:1-3). What “tentmaking” skill do you have that your group members may not know about? Is there a unique job you’ve had, or a skill you have that could earn you money? Share your tent making skill with the group!

STUDY

1. On Sunday Pete talked about decision making. There are seasons in life when you are facing a dead end and the best thing you can do is quit. There are other times when you are experiencing The Dip. This is a time to persevere. **What key highlight did you take from Pete’s teaching?**
2. **What story comes to mind of something you had to quit? How did that decision turn out? Are you glad you quit or do you have some regrets?**
3. READ: Acts 18:1-17

In this passage we see Paul discerning when it was time to quit. After being rejected by the Jews, he quits preaching to them and goes instead to the Gentiles (vs. 5-6). **Why did Paul quit?**

4. In Acts 18, The Dip for Paul is the city of Corinth, in which he perseveres for over a year and then much longer as we hear about the struggles in Corinth through the letters he would later write. God carries us through the Dip. **What's the hardest "Dip" you've ever persevered through? How have you experienced God carrying you through the Dip?**

5. As the pandemic lessens and we begin to re-engage with "normal life", what might you quit (maybe an activity or commitment you had pre-pandemic) or what Dip may you experience? **How might your calling to follow Jesus guide your decision to quit or persevere?**

PRAYER

This week let's pray for our teaching team (Ken and Pete) at Creekside.

- Pray for Ken and Pete as they work on the teaching series for this year. For creativity and wisdom as to what people need to hear and what will help them most. For ears to hear what God wants communicated.
- For the energy and discipline to remain diligent in their preparation.