



the upside down series
week sixteen: changed by the Word

1. _____ who have been changed by the Word.
2. _____ because you have been changed by the Word.
3. You can know the Word and _____ by the Word.
4. _____ because you've been changed by the Word.
5. The Holy Spirit is the _____ you can be changed by the Word (19:1-10).
6. _____ when you have been changed by the Word.

I hope you're greatly enjoying the Upside Down Series! I've spent so much time thinking about you and praying for you. God planned for you to be exactly where you are right now, with the people that you are with, and facing the circumstances that you are facing for one reason only: to grow in His likeness. I know it's happening. I see it in your faces. Know that I'm praying for you right now!



day one: new friendships

We are covering two chapters this week. Are you ready for it? Our goal this week is to continue to be changed by the Word of God.

Read Acts 18:1-17.

exploring the text

interesting fact

A well thought out strategy is vital if we are going to engage the world with the message that can change it.

1. Paul meets two people in vs.1-3 that will become partners in ministry with him. Who are they? What can you tell about them from today's passage?
2. What did Paul spend his time doing in Corinth?

3. In vs. 5, what did Paul occupy himself with and how did he become a convincing speaker?
4. What is the alternative to rejecting the gospel based on Paul's response in vs. 6?

5. Two other people show up in vs. 7-8. What do you find out about them?
6. Why do you think the Lord said what he did to Paul in vs.9? Paul doesn't seem afraid of anything.

interesting fact

As Paul travels and proclaims the good news of Christ, we see a pattern that he follows when he enters each city. His first attempt is to persuade the Jews concerning Jesus. He begins in the synagogue where they meet, study Scripture, and pray. But when the Jews reject his message he turns to the Gentiles.



day two: humility in correction

Don't forget to begin your time with prayer. Make this a habit every time you start your quiet time.

Today read Acts 18:18-28.

exploring the text

1. Who did Paul take with him to Syria?

2. What was Paul's goal wherever he went?
See vs.23.

3. Describe Apollos.

4. How was Apollos' ministry affected by his relationship with Aquila and Priscilla?

interesting fact

When we contrast much contemporary evangelism with Paul's, its shallowness shows up. Our evangelism tends to be focused on simply inviting people to church. Paul also took the gospel out into the secular world. Our evangelism appeals to the emotions for a decision without an adequate basis of understanding. Paul taught, reasoned and tried to persuade. Our evangelism is superficial, making brief encounters and expecting quick results. Paul stayed in Corinth and Ephesus for 5 years, faithfully sowing gospel seed and in due time reaping a harvest.



day three: word of God prevails

All kinds of things are happening in the early church, and they don't even have social networking yet! People actually had to go out and talk to each other. I hope you are spending time getting to know the people God has placed in your life. He has you where you are for a purpose.

Read Acts 19:1-20.

exploring the text

1. What was lacking in the experience of Ephesian believers?
2. Write down the question that Paul asked them in vs.2.
3. What opposition did Paul encounter to the teaching of the word of God?

interesting fact

The term tentmaker comes from the fact that Paul worked as a tentmaker in his second missionary journey. Tentmakers are still critical to modern day missions. Can you think of some examples where that is true?



day four: riot at Ephesus

Again, begin your time with Prayer.

Read Acts 19:21-41

exploring the text

1. Where was Paul determined to go?
2. What was the cause of the riot in Ephesus?
3. What was the primary concern of the craftsmen?
4. Why did the town clerk stop the uproar in vs.40?

prayer

Dear Lord, give us eyes to see beyond what flesh and blood. Guard our hearts and minds as we serve you and speak your name. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and use us to bring glory to your name.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



day five: catch up day

Today is a catch up day. You can thank me later. I won't even give you a task to complete. Simply go back and finish the questions you haven't done yet.

Better yet, send me an email and let me know how the study is going for you!

lina@livingwithpower.org

verse

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intents of the heart.