

## Tuesday, September 14

<sup>8</sup> *And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God.*

1. What was Paul doing as he was speaking boldly?
2. Why is reasoning with others such a central skill in building the kingdom?
3. What do reasoning and persuading involve?
4. How does this highlight the fact that those we need to speak boldly to will have a resistance to the message of the gospel?
5. Have you ever concluded that reasoning with someone about the gospel wouldn't do any good, so you didn't engage them at all?
6. Why do you think we often believe that those who will eventually be open to the faith won't need to be reasoned with?
7. Do you think the need to reason with people and persuade them ends when they first accept the gospel?

KTFK: case against / the light / that they / called to / behold. / to see / make a / We are / and grace / and truth / the lies / might come / they hold,

Song: "From Ocean Unto Ocean"

Prayer: "Lord, we confess that we have often left the battlefield of ideas empty of the truth, whether for fear of the battle or because we had already decided that it was no use. Lord, give us believers like Paul and Apollos today – those who will reason and persuade – engaging well those who think they know everything already. Amen."

## Wednesday, September 15

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1. How do you know when someone you have been reasoning with has become stubborn?
2. How is being stubborn different than being resolute?
  - a. How can we know the difference when one of them is on display?
  - b. Do you think Paul was ever thought to be stubborn?
3. What did these stubborn, unbelieving people do?
4. Why do you think they resorted to speaking evil of believers rather than simply countering the arguments Paul was making?

5. Why do you think people remain set in their sinful ways and beliefs even when they cannot mount any reasoned defense of them?

KTFK: the stubborn / ones who / hide their / truth of / Speaking evil / fraud. / bring the / do to / God is / try to / always what / of the

Song: "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"

Prayer: "Jesus, may I truly rejoice and be glad when evil is said of me by those who reject your truth and grace. May I walk the path you walked, empowered by your Spirit and guided by your word. Amen."

## Thursday, September 16

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1. Why do you think Paul decided to withdraw from them rather than to continue to reason and seek to persuade them there in the synagogue?
2. Who do you think these "disciples" are that Paul takes with him?
3. At what point do you think this kind of separation from the rest of the Jews became necessary for Paul to continue the work there in Ephesus? How did he know when it was time to go?
4. How did his ministry activities change, if at all, when he found a new place to operate?
5. How much of this "reasoning" was Paul doing?
6. How might this move to a new location have been a blessing for both Paul and the overall group of disciples in that place?

KTFK: expert athlete. / not retreat, / Though we / like an / for ways / meet with / the ball / strong resistance / but look / to move / let us

Song: "The Church's One Foundation"

Prayer: "Lord Jesus, make us like you, filled with zeal and perseverance no matter what the opposition may throw at us, and ready to find new ways to continue to build your precious and holy church. Amen."

## Friday, September 17

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1. Asia was approximately 75,000 square miles of territory. By comparison, Michigan is 56,539 square miles. Given the fact that there was no modern communication in those days, what kind of ministry must Paul have been engaged in for all the inhabitants of Asia to hear the word of the Lord within those two years?
2. How far do you think the reach of our ministry extends?
3. If Paul came to our church as an outside consultant, what advice do you think he would have for us?

KTFK: help prepare / it reaches / does much / When we / his bride. / more than / boldly speak / wide, and / think to / his word / far and / we would

Song: "Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak"

Prayer: "Lord, it is amazing what you can do through us when we are faithful to minister boldly in your name. Help us to continue to be active, to let you guide and direct us, and to take every opportunity to multiply our efforts to build your kingdom in this place. Amen."

## Saturday, September 18

Read the entire passage again and review the key thoughts from each day. Which did you find most important for you this week?

Sep 17 - When we / boldly speak / his word / it reaches / far and / wide, and / does much / more than / we would / think to / help prepare / his bride.  
Sep 16 - Though we / meet with / strong resistance / let us / not retreat, / but look / for ways / to move / the ball / like an / expert athlete.  
Sep 15 - Speaking evil / of the / ones who / bring the / truth of / God is / always what / the stubborn / do to / try to / hide their / fraud.  
Sep 14 - We are / called to / make a / case against / the lies / they hold, / that they / might come / to see / the light / and truth / and grace / behold.  
Sep 13 - Stir within / us by / your Spirit / that we / may be / bold, speaking / life to / those in / darkness that / they might / be told.

## Family Worship 2021

September 13-18

Acts 19:8-10

Kids and Parents: See if you can unscramble the daily  
**KTFK - Key Thought for Kids** (Answers on back page)

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## Monday, September 13

<sup>8</sup> And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God.

1. How would you compare the activities of Paul described here with the way Apollos' activities were described in 18:25-28?
2. What do you think it means to speak boldly?
3. What would lead someone to speak this way?
4. Are there any risks in speaking boldly?
5. Are there any risks in choosing not to?
6. What kinds of people do you need to speak boldly to?
7. Do you think it's possible to speak boldly and also speak lovingly?
8. Have you ever spoken boldly for the Lord and the gospel?

KTFK: your Spirit / they might / bold, speaking / Stir within / darkness that / be told. / that we / those in / us by / may be / life to

Song: "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

Prayer: "Lord God, repeatedly we read that those you were using so powerfully in the days of the early church were those who spoke boldly. Help us, O God, to follow in their ways that we would see the same growth and life in the church today as they did then. Amen."