4. Pray for the _____ over you, because God uses them to open doors for the gospel. (Acts 18:12–22)

But when Gallio became governor of Achaia, some Jews rose up together against Paul and brought him before the governor for judgment. They accused Paul of "persuading people to worship God in ways that are contrary to our law." But just as Paul started to make his defense, Gallio turned to Paul's accusers and said, "Listen, you Jews, if this were a case involving some wrongdoing or a serious crime, I would have a reason to accept your case. But since it is merely a question of words and names and your Jewish law, take care of it yourselves. I refuse to judge such matters." And he threw them out of the courtroom. The crowd then grabbed Sosthenes, the leader of the synagogue, and beat him right there in the courtroom. But Gallio paid no attention."

- Acts 18:12-17

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My Next Step Today is to…

- ☐ Become a follower of Jesus Christ.
- ☐ Ask God for boldness to share my faith every day.
- ☐ Attend the Town Creek University seminar on Paul November 8.

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1. Let the lostness around you _____ you enough to push back every day by sharing your faith. (Acts 17:16–21)

"While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply troubled by all the idols he saw everywhere in the city. He went to the synagogue to reason with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles, and he spoke daily in the public square to all who happened to be there. He also had a debate with some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers. When he told them about Jesus and His resurrection, they said, "What's this babbler trying to say with these strange ideas he's picked up?" Others said, "He seems to be preaching about some foreign gods." Then they took him to the high council of the city. "Come and tell us about this new teaching," they said. "You are saying some rather strange things, and we want to know what it's all about." (It should be explained that all the Athenians as well as the foreigners in Athens seemed to spend all their time discussing the latest ideas."

- Acts 17:16-21

2. Present the pure gospel in a way that _____ with the people in front of you. (Acts 17:22–34)

"So Paul, standing before the council, addressed them as follows:
"Men of Athens, I notice that you are very religious in every way,
for as I was walking along I saw your many shrines.
And one of your altars had this inscription on it:
'To an Unknown God.' This God, whom you worship
without knowing, is the one I'm telling you about.
"He is the God who made the world and everything in it.
Since He is Lord of heaven and earth, He doesn't live
in man-made temples, and human hands can't serve His needs—
for He has no needs. He himself gives life and breath
to everything, and He satisfies every need. From one man
He created all the nations throughout the whole earth.
He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall,
and He determined their boundaries.
"His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps
feel their way toward Him and find Him—though He is not far from
any one of us. For in Him we live and move and exist.
As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'
And since this is true, we shouldn't think of God as an idol
designed by craftsmen from gold or silver or stone.
"God overlooked people's ignorance about these things in earlier
times, but now He commands everyone everywhere to repent of
their sins and turn to him. For He has set a day for judging the
world with justice by the man He has appointed, and He proved to
everyone who this is by raising Him from the dead."
When they heard Paul speak about the resurrection of the dead,
some laughed in contempt, but others said, "We want to hear
more about this later."
That ended Paul's discussion with them, but some joined him
and became believers. Among them
were Dionysius, a member of the council, a woman named
Damaris, and others with them.
- Acts 17:22-34

3. Speak up _____ and call the people around you to follow Christ. (Acts 18:1–11)

Then Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he became
acquainted with a Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had
recently arrived from Italy with his wife, Priscilla. They had left
Italy when Claudius Caesar deported all Jews from Rome.
Paul lived and worked with them, for they were tentmakers just
as he was. Each Sabbath found Paul at the synagogue,
trying to convince the Jews and Greeks alike. And after Silas and
Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul spent all his time
preaching the word. He testified to the Jews that Jesus was the
Messiah. But when they opposed and insulted him, Paul shook
the dust from his clothes and said, "Your blood is upon your own
heads—I am innocent. From now on I will go preach to the
Gentiles." Then he left and went to the home of Titius Justus,
a Gentile who worshiped God and lived next door
to the synagogue. Crispus, the leader of the synagogue,
and everyone in his household believed in the Lord.
Many others in Corinth also heard Paul, became believers,
and were baptized. One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision
and told him, "Don't be afraid! Speak out! Don't be silent!
For I am with you, and no one will attack and harm you,
for many people in this city belong to me." So Paul stayed there
for the next year and a half, teaching the Word of God.
- Acts 18:1-11