

For the week of March 19, 2017
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When Evil Does Its Worst

25th week in the series *Sent: Living the Mission of the Church*

Acts 18: 23-19:20

Jesus sends us into the world—a world from which evil has not yet been vanquished. As he does so, we encounter all sorts of problems, some of which are wrapped up with evil. What do we do in the face of such problems?

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you describe your decision-making process for (a) big decisions and (b) small decisions?
2. Notice that because Paul gets booted from the synagogue, he relocates to the hall of Tyrannus and enjoys a more fruitful ministry. What might this episode teach us about obstacles in life?
3. Notice that the presence and activity of an evil spirit ends up serving the purpose of the gospel. What might this teach us about evil and the sovereignty of God?
4. How do you respond to this poem by Elizabeth Barrett Browning?

Earth is crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God;
But only he who sees, takes off his shoes,
The rest sit around it and pluck blackberries