



HomeGroup Discussion Questions

Week 7: Oct 24-30

Beautiful things grow out of the most unlikely places. The gravity-defying pine tree on a rocky mountainside. The bright flower in a desert landscape. Even the church in a pagan city. As Paul steps foot into Corinth, he's entering hostile territory to the gospel. Yet, even the toughest soil proves fertile when God is at work!

MAIN TEXT: Acts 18:1-11

CONNECT

1. Have you been through a difficult time when you knew that God was at work in it, in spite of the difficulty? If so, consider sharing the experience with your group.
2. What stood out to you about the sermon this week?

LEARN

3. As you read through verses 1-8, where do you see difficulties or opposition related to the gospel message? Where do you see indicators of God's favor?
4. Pastor Tom points out how God gives companions in ministry, which we see with Priscilla and Aquila, and Silas and Timothy joining Paul in Corinth. What impact do you think these relationships had on each other?
5. The vision in verse 9 must have been incredible! How might these words have impacted Paul's view of what was happening in Corinth?

APPLY

6. Pastor Tom highlights the vibrant influence that churches are intended to have on the surrounding community. What influence should Calvary have on our cities, especially in these days of COVID-19, natural disasters (wildfires), and political division?
7. How are relationships with people like Priscilla, Aquila, Timothy and Silas important—even essential—as we engage others with the gospel message? Who are these people for you...and to whom are you like one of them?

8. Corinth was a tough town for ministry, yet God makes it unmistakably clear that He was at work there. Do you think Erie, Thornton, or Boulder are tough towns for ministry? Why or why not? Regardless, what indicators do we have that God is at work in these places?

9. Read the following verses and describe how God's presence is promised to us in difficult (and all) situations.

Joshua 1:5, 9

Psalm 23:4

Isaiah 41:10

Hebrews 13:5