

Week 20: Courage In Corinth

Paul arrives in Corinth discouraged, intimidated, and exhausted after mixed responses to the gospel in Athens. Facing a culture shaped by pride, immorality, and resistance, he discovers that God meets discouragement with two gifts: people and presence. Through Christian community and the promise, "I am with you," followers of Jesus are reminded to keep speaking truth, stay faithful in difficult places, and trust that God is working in ways they cannot yet see.

Discussion Questions:

1. **Read Acts 18:1-17.** Paul came to Corinth "in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling (1 Cor. 2:3)." What fears, pressures, or discouragements most tempt you to stay silent about your faith or withdraw from what God is calling you to do?

2. Shawn said, "We're responsible for the output, but God is responsible for the outcome." Do you find it easy to put pressure on yourself for outcomes? How might believing that truth change the way you approach difficult conversations about faith, truth, or Jesus?

3. God met Paul's discouragement through people like Aquila and Priscilla. Why are Christian relationships so essential in our faith walk? How have "your people" been instrumental in your journey with Jesus? How can you resist the temptation to follow Jesus alone?

4. God told Paul, "I am with you." Where in your life do you most need to trust God's presence instead of waiting for God to remove the difficulty? How does this truth encourage you to stay faithful?

5. God told Paul, "I have many people in this city." Who in your "city" (family, workplace, neighborhood, school, friend group) is far from God. How could you prayerfully and courageously take one step toward engaging them this week?