

Week 10

Unstoppable Series

Discussion Questions

1. **Read Acts 18:1-23.** How many separate details, or “micro stories” does Luke include in this narrative? Why do you think he chooses to tell us these events?
2. Why is Corinth such a strategic place for Paul to preach, but such a difficult place for Paul to be? What, if any similarities might it have with our culture?
3. Discuss the different ways Paul could have interpreted his experiences in Corinth. What details could he focus on to feel like his efforts were not going to make a big difference? What details could he focus on to realize that God was with him in Corinth?
4. Relative to question 3, how do you tend to interpret your experiences? If you were in Paul’s shoes what would you have thought?
5. **Read Acts 18:9-10.** Why is this the part of the story that matters most? Why do you think Luke locates these verses where he does in his narrative of Paul’s time in Corinth?
6. What happens when Christians limit God’s encouragement to “I am with you” but leave out God’s call to be his messenger?
7. What are the key characteristics of a messenger of the gospel? Are they contingent of personality style, occupation, age, environment? Why or why not?
8. **Read Ephesians 3:14-21.** Explain how Paul is echoing the words he heard from God in Corinth.
9. Is there anyone you know who needs to come to faith in Jesus, but whom you have “given up on” because they seem far away, devoted to something sinful, or just uninterested in the gospel? How does God’s encouragement to Paul, and Paul’s encouragement to the Ephesians, relate to you as you think about them?