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Getting Started

❖ Have you ever experienced a period of deep discouragement or distress? If so, what were the circumstances involved in that season of life?

Key Ideas for Discussion

- 1. The Importance of Kingdom-Minded Community. (v.1-5)
- 2. The Encouragement of God's Sovereignty. (v.6-11)

Takeaway Truth: God's sovereignty is the antidote to our deepest fears.

<u>Digging Deeper</u>

- What was your first reaction to the idea that Paul may have arrived at Corinth in a deep state of emotional, physical, and spiritual distress? What factors in his missionary work do you see contributing to this condition?
- ❖ How would you describe Priscilla and Aquila and their importance to the Apostle Paul?
- ❖ What significance is there to the fact that Priscilla/Prisca is most often mentioned first when, in their culture, the man was normally listed first? What does this indicate about her? About Paul?
- Why do you think the jailer asked the question "What must I do to be saved? What motivated him to respond in this way?
- * Read 1 Cor. 4. What value did Paul gain by being a "bi-vocational minister" in Corinth? Why do you think it was important that he conducted himself this way in Corinth and in other Grecian cities (e.g. Thessalonica)?
- Was Paul justified in being afraid?

Apply It!

- In what area of life are you currently discouraged or afraid?
- Is there someone you believe you should witness to but are afraid to do so?
- How can God being sovereign help you with your fear and anxiety?

Think About It!

God never wants us to do the Great Commission For Him but WITH Him. (JD Greear)

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Note from Pastor Jerry: For this year's CG questions, group resources and Bible studies from John Stott (Acts Seeing the Spirit at Work), John MacArthur (MacArthur Bible Studies: Acts), Jack Hayford (Kingdom Power) and Max Lucado (Life Lessons from the Book of Acts) are used in addition to original material.