



## ADVANCE CHURCH NETWORK N O R T H C A R O L I N A

### Cohort Conversation Guide

#### Week of Aug 12th: Desperate Prayer – For Revival

1. **Connection Question for the week** – (Ask) What is something you have read or heard recently that stirred you up for God's mission?
2. **Scripture Focus**— Read through Acts 18:1-17 together before praying
3. **Pray**—Using Acts 18:1-17 as a model, spend 15-20 minutes praying through this passage together popcorn style (each participant voicing short prayers based on the text), while being sensitive to how the Spirit leads. Break it down by guiding based on-

Upward Reverence- Who is God/Jesus? How and why does He deserve to be praised? Praise the Lord especially for how He uses the hard heartedness of some to bring the gospel to others and for how He puts all the right people together in the right places to accomplish His purposes.

Downward Response- How should I/we respond to who He is? Consider especially, Crispus believing, and Paul responding to the vision from the Lord to go on preaching in the same place despite obvious persecution and continuing on there for a year and a half.

Inward Requests- Who/what should I pray for? Spend some time praying for people that the Lord is bringing to you who need to believe. Pray for those around your church, leaders in your community, and others that their hearts would be softened to the gospel.

Outward Readiness- Where do I/we go from here? Ask God to stir up revival in your place as we see in Corinth through whatever means necessary. Ask Him to faithfully protect the work of His kingdom and to give us boldness to labor in the face of persecution.

4. **Discussion Questions:** use some or all of these questions to unpack what you read
  - This is the first introduction of Aquila and Priscilla, where does it say they came from? Why are they in Corinth? Who else joins Paul here? Why do you think all of these strong and faithful believers were all gathered in this same place?
  - What was the reaction when Paul was preaching the gospel in the temple? How did it change when he left there and began teaching next door at the house of Titius Justus? Who believes there? Why is that notable?
  - There was obviously persecution going on, what do you think gave Paul the confidence to stay another year and a half and continue teaching? How do you think God used their struggle to continue to build and strengthen His church in Corinth?
  - The revival (aka preaching of the gospel and people believing) in Corinth was significant enough that the Jews there made another attack on Paul by having him brought before



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the official Roman leader, trying to involve the government in regulating their own religious biases. How does God demonstrate His faithfulness in this encounter? What result do you think this accomplished within the church at Corinth?

5. **Application:** based on the discussion above help each other identify how God is leading
- How do you think God might be stirring up revival in your context? What would that look like? Who would need to be reached? How would the church need to function differently if that happened?
  - Pray for one another.
  - Pray that the Lord would do whatever He needs to in order to bring about revival in your context. Pray that we would let go of things that we are holding on to that are inhibiting the gospel from going forward.