## 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.

## Digging Deeper

* 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)

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.

