

Growth Group Questions
Sermon Date: April 15th, 2018
Sermon Series: Paul
Sermon Title: (dis/en)Courage

1. Have you ever interacted with someone who was viewing the world through a negative lens? How do you handle it when people are being negative? When do you find yourself being negative? How do you work through it?

2. In this week's sermon, Pastor Gary spent some time talking about discouragement. Have you ever felt discouraged in a lasting way? Do you think all people experience discouragement, or are some people immune?

3. Did anything about today's sermon, Paul:(dis/en)Courage, surprise or challenge you? What was your take-away from the sermon today? What one line resonated with you the most?

4. Pastor Gary spent time talking about the apostle Paul. Did you learn anything new about the life of Paul? Can you identify with Paul in any way? Why or why not? How did God use Paul to expand the church?

5. Pastor Gary also talked about steps that Paul took when he felt discouraged. Can you identify with any of these steps? Have you tried using any of these when you or others feel discouraged?

6. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:11. What does this scripture say about encouragement? How can you be someone who lifts others up?

7. Read Acts 9:26-31. Barnabas was known for encouraging others. What does it mean to be an encourager? How can you encourage others? What happens when we encourage other people? In what ways do you like to be encouraged?

8. During this season of life, what gifts has God given you to help other people?

9. How might your Growth Group pray for you this week?