



Thinking & talking through the biblical text during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps. Here are some key questions to get you started.

Reflection Questions:

- What questions and comments did you have about the sermon and supporting texts?
- What do you remember about your high school yearbook?

Read **Acts 18:1-11**

- What do you know about Corinth?
- Who are the people in Paul's yearbook? (name them) What do we know about them? What do you think their yearbook bio would say about them?
- Why do you think the Lord said to Paul "*Don't be afraid!*" cf **1 Corinthians 2:1-5**
- Mike pointed to 3 signs we are living out God's plan for our lives
 1. Are you investing your life into others, not yourself?
 2. Do you find your security in Christ, not in your plan?
 3. You are risking enough to need God's help?
- How do see these lived out in the lives of people in **Acts 18**?
- How are you living these out in your life?

Read **Acts 18:12-23**

- Why did the Jews attack Paul? Why did they attack Sosthenes?
- Why such controversy and opposition?
- Where do you see that type of opposition today?

Living it Out

- In light of world and local issues, Mike said:
 - Our task, job, role in the world (cf **Genesis 1 & 2**) is **not** primarily to maintain our purity, but to do our best, with God's help, to rescue the world from its difficulties and to improve it as we can.
 - Our calling is to make **shalom**, to help the world flourish, to take what God has given us and to make something of it.
 - Our calling is **not** to take the single deposit God has entrusted to us and then return it to our Master at the end of days nicely intact, congratulating ourselves on how clean our hands have remained all the while.
- Agree, disagree? Why or why not? How?