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WEEK 9 LEADER GUIDE: ACTS 18:24-23:35

This week in the Going Deeper section, three North Way missionaries share stories of how Christ's love compels them to continue sharing the gospel even in the midst of trials. Encourage your group members to watch the videos ahead of time and leave some time in your group's meeting for members to discuss what stood out to them from the videos.

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS:

- One idea is to consider saving the discussion regarding the testimonies of the missionaries for the end of the evening. Transition out of that discussion by playing a song like Steffany Gretzinger's ["No One Ever Cared for me like Jesus"](#) and asking your group to take out a notebook and pen. As they listen to the song, ask them to journal a prayer thanking Him for His love and meditating on how His love compels them to serve others.
- Another idea is to help your group participate in the practice of Divine Reading (Lectio Divina). Through Divine Reading, we take time to read, meditate on, and pray through Scripture. In the Going Deeper section, Danielle Snyder's video references Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Have someone from your group read 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 aloud. Next, give your group time to reflect on and ponder in their hearts what they have just read. Finally, after some quiet time of meditation, ask you group to pray together through the Scripture they've just read thanking God for what is true and asking for forgiveness or help where needed.

INVITATIONS:

We know that this Acts Study has come with many additional pieces that groups have been able to choose to participate with as it has made sense for their group. However, if your group still hasn't had a chance to check out the Outreach and Missions document for your campus, this week would be a good time to take a moment to read over it and encourage your members to do the same.

North Way is deeply committed to caring for the marginalized in society. Our Transformational Outreach ministries serve to share the hope of the gospel in practical ways with the orphaned, abandoned and at-risk among us. Let's make sure as we come to the end of the Acts study our groups are not just places where we only talk about taking hope to others. Instead, may our groups be the catalyst for members to step into the holy work of tangibly caring for those around us.

You can find your Outreach and Missions Document at the bottom of the Acts homepage.