

EPHESUS AND CITY MINISTRY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ACTS 18-20 & EPHESIANS 1-6

1 How would you describe your own attitude toward our city – indifferent, hostile, romanticized, positive?

 Why do you think some people avoid ministry in the city?

 If cities have more of the image of God per square inch than any other place on earth, how should that impact our attitude toward city ministry?

 How can living in close proximity to your neighbor change the way you seek to love them?

2 From Acts 17 through the end of the book of Acts, Paul strategically traveled to city centers. He went to Athens an intellectual center, Corinth a commercial center, Ephesus a religious center, and Rome a political center of the Empire.

 When you think of Salt Lake City, what are the centers of power and influence in our context?

 How can Gospel Grace Church seek to strategically reach these different centers of cultural influence?

3 If our future will be largely an urban culture, what changes should the church be making today to prepare and adapt?

 What ministries of Gospel Grace Church distinctively reflect our urban context?

 What ideas do you have to improve our contextualized application and communication of the gospel in Salt Lake City (think about the questions, hopes, and beliefs of our culture that need a biblical, gospel-centered response)?

 How can the church respond to rapid urbanization while ensuring that we don't neglect the rural and suburban mission fields?

4 The city challenges us to discover the application of the gospel and see the power of the gospel in new ways - How have you experienced this? Perhaps you could think through how the history of a city impacts the application of the gospel. Or maybe you could consider the way the distinctive idolatry and bondage of the city requires particular liberating features of the gospel.

