

Here are some talking points to get your group talking to each other and to start generating meaningful discussion. **Start Thinking.** Ask questions to get your group thinking. Which part of the message was most impactful to you and why? **Talking About the** conversations; remember, you want others to do most of the talking. **NOTE: Pastor Ed may not cover all points in all services.**

**Open:** Pastor Ed exhorts us to “pay attention” and avoid worldly distractions. **Heb 12:1-2** Think about the things that can take our eyes and attention off Jesus. We need to be aware of the things in our lives, even if not sinful, that can distract us. Determine to be led by the Holy Spirit. **Luke 21:34-36**

1. What three things were required by a Nazarite vow and how can we relate to them in our walk with the Lord? **Num 6:2-8** **A.** 1) Don't cut hair (or take a razor to the head). Don't be concerned with your appearance and how other people see you. It's between you and God. 2) Don't drink wine or eat any fruit from the vine. Be sober, trust God, walk by faith and don't allow anything that could cloud your mind. 3) Don't be around dead bodies. Maintain a wholesome focus and commitment to God by staying clean and pure in our daily lives. **Rom 12:1-2** The key is to separate ourselves to the Lord.
2. Why did Paul take a vow in the first place? Wasn't he free from Jewish ceremonial law and customs? **A.** He didn't have to, he wanted to. There is grace and liberty in Jesus. It's the same for us. We have freedom in worship. We “don't have to,” we “get to.” **1Cor 6:12 & 1Cor 10:23-24**
3. What role do willing consecrations play in our spiritual lives? **A.** They are opportunities to close out worldly distractions and change our thinking. They provide an opportunity to feed our spirit and starve the flesh. We focus our minds & thoughts on Jesus and spiritual things. **2Cor 10:5**
4. These are the days of spiritual warfare; what should we not do? **A.** We should not rest or retreat. We give no authority to the devil because we have the authority of Christ.
5. How do we deal with the “gray areas” and correctly use our freedom in Christ? **A.** Ask 8 questions: 1) Will this help me honor God; 2) will this set me apart for God; 3) will this make me useful to God; 4) will this prepare me for every good work; 5) will it build me up spiritually; 6) can it bring me under its power; 7) does it give me an uneasy conscience (would it grieve the Holy Spirit); 8) could it cause someone else to stumble. **Point:** Don't make decisions to see how much we can get away with or how close we can get to sin.
6. **V21** Does it show a lack of faith to say, “God willing?” **A.** No. We seek God's will, not our own. **Matt 26:38-39 & James 4:13-16**
7. **V24-28** Apollos: Zealous for the Lord, but without complete knowledge. What did he have with Priscilla and Aquilla? **A.** A divine appointment. For what purpose? **A.** So they could explain the way of God more accurately. **Point to consider:** Pastor Ed made the point the when it comes to divine appointments, we are not to take any credit that belongs to the Lord. He has plans that He is going to bring to pass. God is the “Hero,” not us.
8. **Closed doors/open doors:** During his third missionary journey, what did Paul get to do that he was prohibited by the Holy Spirit from doing in Chapter 16? **A.** He got to go to all the places he originally wanted to go. What is the application for our ministry? **A.** God has a plan and a purpose for each of our lives and we need to be led by the Holy Spirit to do things He calls us to do in His timing.
9. **Women.** Are women valuable and useful to God within the church? **A.** Yes! They have different roles and responsibilities within the church, but they are just as valuable as men in God's plans.

Talk to your group about (1) creating profiles on the Calvary App so your group can create a group chat on the app. Let Pastor Josh know so he can set your group up for you. (3) Please remember to fill out the LIFEgroup meeting assessment form after your meeting. Here is the link: <https://bit.ly/LIFEgroup-Assessment>

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Give Yourself Completely to the Lord

Acts 18:18-28

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