



Mediterranean Postcards

Week five - "Who's not here yet?"

Acts 18:23-21:16 and 1 and 2 Corinthians

Bottom line: An outward-facing church pays attention to who's not here yet.

1. **Paul said, "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some" (1 Corinthians 9:19-23).**
 - What do you think Paul meant by this? Where is the line between adapting our approach and compromising our faith?
2. **Throughout Acts, Paul endured inconvenience, criticism, hardship, and even imprisonment so others could hear about Jesus.**
 - What tends to keep us from living with that same outward focus? Which obstacles are external, and which are internal?
3. **The sermon asked the question, "Who's not here yet?"**
 - Who is someone in your life who is "close to you but feels far from God"? Without sharing anything they're comfortable keeping private, what makes that person come to mind?
4. **Following Jesus was described as "the greatest adventure" that also leads us into "beautiful messes."**
 - Can you think of a time when serving someone or stepping out in faith was inconvenient but ultimately worth it? What did God teach you through that experience?
5. **Our church is adding a third worship service to make room for more people to belong before they believe.**
 - Why do practical decisions like creating parking, seating, children's environments, and volunteer teams matter spiritually? How do these seemingly ordinary things become part of God's mission?
6. **Paul said his life's aim was "to finish the race and complete the task" Jesus had given him (Acts 20:24).**
 - If someone looked at your calendar, your priorities, and your conversations over the past month, what would they conclude is your primary mission? Is there anything God may be inviting you to reorder?
7. **The sermon ended with the reminder: "Followers of Jesus go fishing by all means possible. You are those means."**
 - What is one specific next step you could take this week to help make room for someone who isn't here yet? (Invite someone to church, join a serving team, pray intentionally for your "one," have a spiritual conversation, etc.) How can this group encourage or pray for you as you take that step?