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Scriptures Used In This Week's Sermon

- 1 Corinthians 16:1-4,10-14
- Acts 1:8
- Acts 8:1-4
- Acts 19:7-20
- Revelation 2:1-7

Key Things You Heard

- Jerusalem was living in the past, resting on its past accomplishments.
- The Corinthian church was filled with people distracted by selfish worldly thinking.
- Ephesus wasn't like Jerusalem living in the past, and they weren't like Corinth, self-centered and highly divided.
- Ephesus is a church we can see from two different time periods.
- The Ephesus church didn't just forsake their love; they forsook their first love.
- Our church endeavors are pointless without passion for the Lord.

Look Back

- Have everyone share something that they are thankful for this week.
- Have everyone share something that they struggled with this week. After each person shares, have someone in the group pray for them.
- Last week, you wrote what God wanted you to do on an index card. How did it go? Did you do what God told you to do? Why or why not?
- SAY: "Share about a time this past week when you shared with someone the change God is making in your life or when you told someone about Jesus."

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Look Up

- Pray - Ask the Holy Spirit to open your mind, ears, and eyes to the things of God. Ask Him to show you what you need to change and do.
- Read the following passage and then hold your discussion.
  - 1 Corinthians 16:1-11

(**Leader Pro Tip:** Have your group read each passage twice in two different versions. Then, have them retell the story in their own words. Follow this up by reading the passage and correcting any omissions or mistakes. This solidifies the story in their minds and lets them realize they can use it in their own words when needed.)

1. What did you like about this passage?
2. What did you find challenging or hard to understand in this passage?
3. What did you learn about people?
4. What did you learn about God?
5. Who in my life this week needs to hear this story, my story, or God's story of redemption?

(**Leader Pro Tip:** If you want to deepen your discussion, add **SPEC** to the above questions. **S** = Is there a sin to avoid? **P** = Is there a promise to claim? **E** = Is there an example to follow or not follow? **C** = Is there a command to obey?

Look Forward

Leader Note: You will need one index card and a pen or pencil for each participant in your group.

(**Leader Pro Tip:** I Will Statements) For the exercise below, have everyone turn this challenge into two "I will..." statements. For instance, "I will change (X) in my life..." and "I will share my faith, the gospel, or this Bible story to (_____.) The following week, follow up on their I-will statements. Don't forget that a leader leads by example.

- Pass out one index card and a pen or pencil to each participant. Instruct them to pray this prayer: "God, how can I obey and apply what I have learned in my time in the Word today?" Then, have them write down what they will do before next week. Have everyone share what the Holy Spirit has led them to do. Then, have them identify a person they will share their faith with.