

To the Ends of the Earth: Week 3 — "Multiplying Church Leaders"

CONNECT: Have the debate, *What makes something a sport?* Then vote on which of these is a sport: cheerleading, curling, chess, golf, mini golf, billiards, etc. Allow room for anyone in your group to have a "hot take" (a unique or unpopular opinion).

GROW:

- 1. "We are not in control of the talent, but we are in control of the training." How have you seen this to be true in your life and experience?
- 2. Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-27.
 - a. What is the difference between trying to earn God's approval (which we don't have to do) and what Paul is talking about here? Why is spiritual discipline important—i.e., what's the end goal/prize?
 - b. Think of the eternal prize waiting for you. How are you training yourself in anticipation of that prize? What does your spiritual discipline look like?
- 3. **Read Acts 18:24-26.** Have you had anyone like Priscilla and Aquila in your life? Who has trained you in your Christian walk, and how did they do it? Have you gotten the chance to invest in someone like Apollos? Who are you training and discipling?
- 4. Through TCM, our church gets to help send trained church leaders back into their communities to lead churches in some of those most dangerous places in the world. What are the communities that God has placed you in that need to hear about the hope of Jesus? How can you take steps to shine the light of God's love in those dark places?
- 5. **Read Romans 8:31.** We have the Bible, we have the Church, and we have the Holy Spirit living inside of us. What is holding you back from living like Romans 8:31 is true?

PRAY: Spend some time praying for the church leaders around the world, especially those who work with TCM.

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