

(Restoring Hope in Ministry—2 Corinthians 2:12-17)

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- What kinds of discouragement do believers face in ministry? What makes following Christ so challenging? What is your ministry and how is it going?
- Why is it important to address the burdens and experiences that leave us restless and discouraged? What happens when we don't address our discouraged or restless hearts?
- How does the gospel reshape our perspective of ministry? What does it mean to be the aroma to God? What does it mean to be the fragrance to those who are being saved and those who are perishing?
- God has commissioned us to a weighty task of sharing the gospel. How can we rely on God's sufficiency to carry out this task?
- Is there anything that particularly stood out to you from the sermon?

FAMILY QUESTIONS

 What do we do when following Jesus is really hard? How can God and others help us?

• What does it mean to be commissioned by God? What are we commissioned to do?

WEEKLY PRAYER

- Our Men & Women in Uniform
- Ben & Mercedes Plitt, MMS Aviation Support OH
- Norman Fox, Elder
- Eric Omdal, Associate Pastor of Missions and Leadership Development
- Worship Teams
- Community Church, Appleton
- Those who do not yet have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus (Col 4:2-4)

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION

But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life.

2 Corinthians 2:14-16(ESV)