## CITY MINISTRY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS EPHESUS AND ACTS 18-20 & EPHESIANS 1-6 How would you describe your own attitude toward our city - indifferent, hostile, romanticized, positive? Why do you think some people avoid ministry in the city? If cities have more of the image of God per square inch than any other place on earth, how should that impact our attitude toward city ministry? 🖋 How can living in close proximity to your neighbor change the way you seek to love them? From Acts 17 through the end of the book of Acts, Paul strategically traveled to city centers. He went to Athens an intellectual center, Corinth a commercial center, Ephesus a religious center, and Rome a political center of the Empire. 🖋 When you think of Salt Lake City, what are the centers of power and influence in our context? How can Gospel Grace Church seek to strategically reach these different centers of cultural influence? If our future will be largely an urban culture, what changes should the church be making today to prepare and adapt? What ministries of Gospel Grace Church distinctively reflect our urban context? What ideas do you have to improve our contextualized application and communication of the gospel in Salt Lake City (think about the questions, hopes, and beliefs of our culture that need a biblical, gospel-centered response)? 🖋 How can the church respond to rabid urbanization while ensuring that we don't neglect the rural and suburban mission fields? The city challenges us to discover the application of the gospel and see the power of the gospel in new ways - How have you experienced this? Perhaps you could think through how the history of a city impacts the application of the gospel. Or maybe you could consider the way the distinctive idolatry and bondage of the city requires particular liberating features of the gospel.

5	The word "reasoned" or "reasoning" used in (Acts 18:19; 19:8, 9) comes from the Greek word (dialegona English word "dialogue." The root meaning of the Greek is "through words." It involves exchange, convers The gospel radiates in a city when people are willing to engage and reason with unbelievers.	
	$\mathscr{I}$ What are some of the key topics that emerge in a city that need wise and winsome reasoning with the go	spel?
	ℰ What are some ways Christians could sharpen their gospel witness and hone their reasoning skills?	
6	Which of the following city groups do you feel most passionate to reach: the younger generation, the c gious, the educators, the artists, the immigrants, the business sector, the media, the political realm, or	ultural elites, the poor, the reli- other
	How is urbanization affecting that group?	
	What would it be like to minister meaningfully to the group you have identified?	
1	Timothy Keller suggests six ways of making a biblical appeal to city people to come to God – out of fea desire for a release from the burdens of guilt and shame, out of appreciation for the "attractiveness" of tential longings, for help with a problem, simply out of a desire to be loved.	
	Which of the six ways of making appeals are most comfortable and natural for you? Which are most dif	Ficult and why?
	What resources can help you become more adept at using all of these appeals?	PRAYER REQUESTS
8	What is Salt Lake's story, and where does it fall short (think about its history and prevailing plau- sibility structures).	
	What is SLC promising its citizens that only the gospel can provide?	
	🖋 What would it look like for Salt Lake to turn from its idols to the true and living God?	
	In contrast to the idolatry of our city, how should our identity be different when it comes to sexuality, money, power, unity, community, etc.?	