



Icebreaker:

What are you looking forward to this Spring?

Announcements:

We invite you to attend an Information meeting for our facility expansion on April 2 or 11. This will be similar to our presentations last year but with some new information.

Prayer Time:

Pray for our building project as renovations begin in our west wing and demolition begins soon in our east wing.

Study Questions:

What kinds of things cause disappointment? How do people sometimes respond to setbacks, roadblocks, changed plans, and broken dreams? What are some ways we can make a bad situation worse?

Read Acts 9:1–22. What are your thoughts about Paul's transformation from a man who hated Jesus and His followers to someone who loved Jesus and

was willing to suffer for his faith? According to 19–22 how excited was Paul to tell others about Jesus?

What did Paul's passion eventually involve– see Acts 13:1–5. This is beginning of Paul's first missionary journey and he and Barnabas and Mark made a big impact for the Lord. According to Acts 15:36 what did Paul hope would happen again? What threw a wrench in Paul's plans– see Acts 15:37–39a?

What emotions do you think Paul and Barnabas both felt in the midst of this falling out? What role did disappointment likely play? Why does God sometimes change our plans? How can past success actually become an obstacle to future success?

Why is it so hard to trust God when we face broken dreams and uncertainty about our future? What according to the following verses helps us trust God: Psalm 91:1–6; Psalm 31: 19–24; Romans 8:28.

How does knowing that God is bigger than our circumstances and controls what we cannot control impact our thinking about setbacks and disappointments? What is the alternative to trusting God? How do other alternatives ultimately fail us?

How can God use a broken plan or shattered dream to write a new chapter and kindle a new dream? How did He do this for Tori Kelly? How did He do this for Paul– see Acts 15:39–41. How has God brought good out of hardship or disappointment in your life?

Conversational Prayer: Dear God help me...