

FIRST CORINTHIANS

Different Paths of Devotion | Week 12

1. Catch Up On Life:

This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

- Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?
- What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

2. Review the Mission:

Just like God the Father sent Jesus on a mission of reconciliation for us, Jesus sends us out as ambassadors of His reconciliation. We are called to make disciples wherever we go. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

People:

- Reactive - Who in your life (family, coworkers, etc.) can we join you in praying for? Who has God put around you that is showing spiritual interest? Who is hurting and could use some love from our group?
- Proactive - Who are the people we are intentionally living on mission with (neighbors, STC partner organizations, or a specific demographic in Columbia)? What are our upcoming plans to love, serve and build relationships with this group?

Plan:

- Are there any rhythms already planned, or an extra rhythm we could plan, to create a way for these friends to connect with our group?

Pray: Prayer is the fuel of God's mission. Let's pray for our people by name; pray for their needs, and opportunities to have spiritual conversations that help them take next steps toward Jesus.

3. Sermon Discussion:

God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, to equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, to show us our sin, and to strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a LifeGroup throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25)

Primary Passage: 1 Corinthians 7:6-40

Read and Recap: Have someone read **1 Corinthians 7:6-40** and recap the highlights from this week's sermon. What stood out to you from the scripture or sermon? Why?

- Do you typically lean towards the idea that “marriage is bad and singleness is good” or that “singleness is bad and marriage is good”? Why?
- What are your disappointments and fears regarding your current relationship status? How does the gospel and the vision of church as family speak to those fears or disappointments?
- Of the three application points from the sermon below, which stood out to you the most? Why?
 1. Check your heart;
 2. Watch your language;
 3. Invite in the “other”
- Paul says that whether you are married or single, both are gifts and callings given by God. How are you leveraging your gift of marriage or singleness to serve the church and glorify God?

- How are you currently ensuring that our church functions as a family? In what ways do you need to change to make this happen?

*Every Group
Around
The Pool*

Whether single or married, what can you do this week to leverage your season of life to serve those around you?

4. Engage the Heart:

Jesus calls us to walk in the light, confessing our sins to God and each other. God's Spirit works through confession and community to lead us to repentance. (Romans 3:23-24, James 5:16 and 1 John 1:5-10)

- What are you doing that you shouldn't be doing? What are you not doing that you should be doing?
- In what areas of your faith are you thriving, and where are you struggling?

Pray: James tells us that a community that regularly confesses sin and prays for each other will see a lot of healing. Confess your sins in prayer and pray for each other.