

FIRST CORINTHIANS

The Demands of Love Part 2 | Week 14

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.

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.

2. 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 9:1-27

Related Passage: Philippians 2:4-11

Read and Recap: Have someone read **1 Corinthians 9:1-27** and recap the highlights from this week's sermon. What stood out to you from the scripture or sermon? Why?

- We defined sacrifice as "giving up things that you love for things that you love even more." Where in your life are you already doing this? (i.e. sacrificing for a significant other, sports team, hobby, etc.)
- Where has God helped you grow in wanting to sacrifice lesser things for things of eternal value since becoming a Christian?
- Can you think of specific times where you gave up a personal preference or comfort to build relationship with someone who was far from Jesus?

Ultimately, we can take on this posture of laying down preferences to build with other people because of Jesus. The grace we've received from Him should motivate us to want people to know him so badly that we are willing to do anything to see people come to know the Lord.

- Is living on mission with non-believers something you care about? Do your actions and priorities back up that desire?
- Is our group closer to being around the pool now than we were 6 months ago? Who are the people we have been building relationship with that are not Christians?
- What are some things that may hinder us from seeing our group around the pool baptizing someone on Easter?
- What sacrifices can we make as a group to readjust our plans to live on mission?

Pray that our love for Jesus would increase our desire to live on mission in our city. Pray that we would grow in willingness to sacrifice good things in our life for the sake of building with non-believers. Pray for anyone by name that our LifeGroup is building with.

3. 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)

- How would you currently describe your prayer life?
- Are there any areas in which you're struggling to receive and walk in God's forgiveness?

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.