

FIRST CORINTHIANS

Flee from Idolatry | Week 15 (10:1-14)

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.

2. Review the Mission:

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 10:1-14

Related Passage: Psalm 16:4; Isaiah 46:5-7

Read and Recap: Have someone read **1 Corinthians 10:1-14** and recap the highlights from this week's sermon. What stood out to you from the scripture or sermon? Why?

The sermon ended this week by asking us a set of questions to help us identify where we might be worshipping idols in our lives. Spend some time thinking and reflecting on these questions alone, and then spend some time as a group working through the idols chart on the back.

- What are the historical patterns of sin in your life that you and other people see?
- What are your go-to comforts when you aren't connected with Jesus?
- What you're searching for in places that aren't Jesus?
- What's the connection, and what might that reveal about the idols you hold?

One of the ways that we can care for one another as a LifeGroup is by recognizing and anticipating potential patterns of sin or idolatry in other people's lives to help point them back to Jesus in common moments of temptation. Based on your answers above, go around the room and share with one another the answers to the following categories. Keep a record of people's responses so you can share them with the group.

LifeGroup Member	What is your biggest sin issue right now?	What idols may these sin patterns reveal? What does repentance look like for you?	What do you need to hear about God/the gospel?

Pray for one another in your LifeGroup as you walk through abandoning your idols and turning to Jesus as the only source of comfort and approval, and the best holder of power and control in our lives.

Pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to help us recognize the areas in our lives where we tend to turn to idols in moments of stress or temptation.

Pray that we would continue to be a community that confesses freely when we worship our idols and continue to point one another back to the gospel.

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)

- Isolation denies us the opportunity to receive grace from other believers. Where might you need community to walk alongside you?
- What are you struggling to trust God with this week? How can you give God control of it?

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.