

# FIRST CORINTHIANS

## No Seriously, Build Up The Body In Love | Week 20 (12:1-11)

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### 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 12:12-31

**Read and Recap:** What stood out to you from this week's sermon? Have someone read **1 Corinthians 12:14-21**.

- As it relates to your spiritual giftedness, which of the following statements do you lean towards:
  - I downplay my giftedness by relying on others to utilize their giftedness in the body
  - I neglect how others may be gifted and rely too heavily on my own giftedness
- Do you expect the Holy Spirit to love, serve and encourage others through you when you show up to group time or a Gathering? Or do you primarily think through a self-focused lens of "What do I get out of it?" or "What would I miss by not being there?"
- How does a biblical understanding of your role in the body of Christ change a self-focused perspective?
- In what ways have you used your specific gifts to actively "participate in the body of Christ?" How can you take steps to use your giftedness to serve within your Lifegroup this week?

**Reread 1 Corinthians 12:26-31.** Now that we are united in Christ with the same Spirit, we are to function as one body, sharing all things. We suffer with those who suffer and rejoice with those who rejoice.

- What's going on in your life that is really hard? Let's pray together and offer encouragement.
- What's going on in your life that's worth celebrating? Let's celebrate, pray and thank Jesus for what He's doing in our lives.

**Pray** that we grown in our confidence that the Holy Spirit is alive and active in our Gatherings and group time. Pray that we would begin to press into utilizing our giftedness to build up the body in love. Pray that we would be united as one body of believers who rejoice and suffer together in all seasons of life.

### 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)*

- Are there any sin habits in the way of you following Jesus this week?
- What steps of repentance do you need to take? How can we help you walk in repentance?

**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.