

# FIRST CORINTHIANS

## Week 26 | Change the World with People You Love (16:1-24)

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### 1. Catch Up On Life:

*This is when we update each other on the things that Jesus has been up to in our lives since we last saw each other. 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 t, 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.

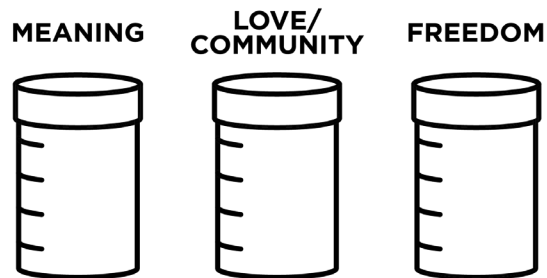
### 3. Sermon Discussion:

*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 16:1-24

Read and Recap: Have someone read **1 Corinthians 16:1-24** and recap the highlights from this week's sermon. What stood out to you and why?

- In the sermon, we talked about the three “tanks” that shape how we understand our lives: meaning, freedom, and community.



- Do you agree with the idea that our culture is overflowing with freedom at the expense of meaning and community? Why or why not? Share any examples that come to mind with your group.
- Would you say that the same attitude about personal freedom is true for you? Why or why not?

- Of the four things highlighted in the passage (time, money, relationships, hospitality), which do you most struggle to limit your freedom in order to gain love or meaning?
- How can you repent from idolizing your personal freedom this week in order to change the world with people you love?

**Pray** that the Spirit would reveal in us anyways we are sacrificing relationships and meaning for our personal freedom. **Pray** that we would be a church family that is eager to lay aside personal freedom to better live on mission together.

### 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)*

- How are you not believing the gospel this week?
- Is there any sin you need to confess that comes from a disbelief in the gospel?
- 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.