

# FIRST CORINTHIANS

## Silly Church Kids | Week 3

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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're 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 1:18-31

**Read and Recap:** Have someone read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31. Recap the highlights from this week's sermon.

We learned in the sermon that the 1st century Greeks were hinging their belief in Jesus on people's ability to offer a compelling way to live a successful life, while the Jews were looking for Jesus to prove His ability to defeat their enemies through power.

- What expectations does our culture place on Jesus, Christians, or the church? How would the God of Scripture need to change to be widely accepted by our culture?
- In what ways have you placed expectations on God - asking Him to prove His goodness or wisdom to you in the ways that you've decided are right?
- How have you reacted before when God hasn't met your expectations? What might your response say about what you believe to be true about God or yourself?
- Are there things about our faith that embarrass you to talk about?
- How does the cross offer something better to reframe your expectations?

*Every Group  
Around The Pool*

In the sermon, we learned that some people doubt Jesus because of the sins of Christians throughout history. Based on the sermon, how would you respond to people that combat the gospel in this way?

**Pray** that the Holy Spirit would continue to reveal to us the areas that we try to place God in a box. Pray that we would be able to reframe our expectations based on who God says He is.

### 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)*

- In what ways do your thoughts or actions reveal that you are disbelieving the gospel? (Rest of LG speak into their lives: How does the gospel address and free him/her up?)
- Is there any relational weirdness with anyone in your life this week? How can you lovingly restore peace with them?
- Has the Holy Spirit been impressing anything on you that you've been resisting? What steps do you need to take to obey?

**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.