

FIRST CORINTHIANS

Build So You Don't Get Burned | Week 5

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 3:1-17

Read and Recap: Have someone read **1 Corinthians 3:1-17**. Recap the highlights from this week's sermon.

- After rereading the passage, what's your initial reaction to hearing how big of a deal Paul says the church is?
- You are always, through your actions or inactions, building a culture in our church family. In our group, who are the people that are building a positive, biblically healthy culture? Encourage those making a positive impact and confess the ways you may be contributing negatively to the culture.
- God cares about you growing in maturity because He wants to use you to build His church. Apart from the natural immaturity that comes with being new, in what ways are you prolonging immaturity?
- What is your next step to move from an immature person who takes resources to a mature person who can serve others? Is it to become a Christian? To attend the next Midtown Class or Grassroots Class to become a member or core group member? Are you serving in our church family regularly?
- What is keeping you from taking next steps towards maturity?



Part of being mature is to serve others by helping them take next steps towards Jesus. How can you intentionally connect with someone that you are building with this week to help them take one more step towards Jesus?

Pray that we could begin to desire to be a part of the church that God is building in our city. Pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to reveal ways that we are practicing immaturity.

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: Don't just offer worldly advice, but consider how does the gospel addresses and frees him/her up?)
- What are you doing that you shouldn't be doing? What are you not doing that you should be doing?
- 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.