

# FIRST CORINTHIANS

## The Demands of Love Part 1 | Week 13

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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 8:1-13

**Related Passage:** Romans 14:13-16

Read and Recap: Have someone read **1 Corinthians 8:1-13** and recap the highlights from this week's sermon. What stood out to you from the scripture or sermon? Why?

**Reread verses 9-13.** We learned that love demands that we consider others in our actions.

- How has the Spirit been convicting you about the ways that love might require more than what you're giving?
- In what parts of your life is it easier for you to be more others-centered? In what areas of your life are you more self-centered in your decision-making?
- We learned that people-pleasing, rather than serving in love, uses other people's needs to give us opportunities to validate ourselves. What are some of the signs in your life that you're leaning towards being unhealthily others-centered?

*Every Group  
Around the Pool*

What are some practical ways that you can lay aside your own rights for the good of someone you are building with this week?

**Pray** that the Spirit would reveal any ways that we may be practicing unhealthy others-centeredness.

**Pray** that our LifeGroup would grow in recognizing the demands of love as we live in our Jesus-centered Family on Mission.

### 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)*

- What are you doing that you shouldn't be doing? What are you not doing that you should be doing?
- In what areas of your faith are you thriving, and where are you struggling?

**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.