

# FIRST CORINTHIANS

## Gospel-Centered Ethics | Week 17

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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:

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 10:23-11:1

**Related Passage:** Romans 11:33-36

**Read and Recap:** Have someone read **1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1** and recap the highlights from this week's sermon. What stood out to you from the scripture or sermon? Why?

- Are there any areas where your conscience, being marred by sin and affected by our culture, tempts you to disagree with what God says in Scripture? How have you sought to submit that to God's authority?
- Talk about a time when you had to make a decision about something that didn't seem explicitly addressed in the Bible.

Paul offers the Corinthians three filters to help them navigate ethical decision making in everyday life.

- Does it seek the good of my neighbor? (verse 24)
- How does this affect my gospel witness? (verse 32-33)
- Does it glorify God? (verse 31)
- Which of these questions for decision making seem the most natural to you? Which are you less inclined to consider?

Ultimately, Paul wants to help us see how all of our life should be motivated by a desire to glorify God in it. **Read Romans 11:33-36.** What is one area of your life where you are not considering the glory of God?

- How might considering the glory of God change the way you approach these situations?

**Pray** that we would begin to see how our actions are opportunities to seek the good of our neighbor. Pray that that we would begin to recognize chances to put the gospel on display. Pray that the Spirit would help us desire to seek the glory of God in our lives.

### 3. 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 struggling to trust God with this week? How can you give God control of it?
- What are you doing that you shouldn't be doing? What are you not doing that you should be doing?
- 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.