



Corinthians

BE COUNTER-CULTURAL.

Next Steps Guide

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"Corinthians" Week 10

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11 Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman; 12 for as woman was made from man, so man is now born of woman. And all things are from God. 13 Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a wife to pray to God with her head uncovered? 14 Does not nature itself teach you that if a man wears long hair it is a disgrace for him, 15 but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering. 16 If anyone is inclined to be contentious, we have no such practice, nor do the churches of God.

- BE MISSIONAL: being _____ to remove all unnecessary _____ between others and Jesus.

17 But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. 18 For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, 19 for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. 20 When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. 21 For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. 22 What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not. 23 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- Our _____ is a _____ and he has given us our _____!

27 Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.

"Be Missional."

28 Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. 30 That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. 31 But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. 32 But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world. 33 So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another— 34 if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home—so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.

Notes

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Go Deeper

1. In your groups this week, ask your members to read Chapter 11 of 1 Corinthians and apply the HEAR method contained in this guide. Discuss in your group any insights or takeaways members highlighted in this week's reading.

2. Below are next step questions to keep the conversation going in your groups:

- What is a characteristic, skill, passion or interest you have that makes you unique? Could you use this part of who you are to connect with someone with the same or similar interests?
- Let's reverse the first question: could there be a barrier you've created with others because of something you choose to do or say?

3. As you close your time together, ask God to knock down intentional or unintentional barriers we may have created with others so that we are able to connect people's hearts to Jesus.



Family Discussion Questions

Grove Kids

Ask your Preschool-Elementary Kids:

Pastor Bill talked about something I have heard my whole life: *"Don't judge a book by its cover."* Take some time to discuss this with your kiddos.

Have you ever not wanted to be friends with someone because they dressed differently than other people? Do you think God only wants people who dress a certain way in heaven with him?

Talk with your kids about loving others and not letting things like clothes or hairstyle being a barrier to helping them know Jesus.

Grove Youth

Ask your Middle and High Schoolers:

Pastor Bill talked about being missional, or being willing to remove all unnecessary barriers between others and Jesus.

What do you think are barriers for people around you? How do those things specifically keep those people from Jesus?

What have been barriers for you before? Are they still? If not, how have those barriers been broken down?

Parents, answer this week's questions with your students. See how you all can relate with each other and see how things differ for you as well. It is important to know what we let stand in the way of Jesus so we can better serve others.

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