

Small Group Notes

YOU ASKED FOR IT | Week 1 "You Asked for It"

We kick off this new series in the book of 1 Corinthians. 1 Corinthians was written in approximately 55 A. D. and was authored by the Apostle Paul who also founded the church in the city of Corinth. Shortly after departing Corinth, Paul heard some very disturbing reports about activities that were taking place. These activities ranged from pride and sexual immorality to misuse of spiritual gifts and widespread confusion of key Christian doctrines. Many of the challenges the church in Corinth faced are the same challenges the modern church continues to face today. This letter (the book of 1 Corinthians) was Paul's attempt to restore the Corinthian church and bring back to its foundation - Jesus.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. When you were growing up, what "group" did you most associate with at school? *(Examples: Jock, Cheerleader, Nerd, Party Crowd, Teacher's Pet, etc.)* What assumptions did you make about other groups you were not a part of?
2. How did you learn how to approach and behave around different groups of people? *Example: Children, the elderly, fans at a sporting event, in court facing a judge, etc.)* Has this changed now you have grown older or are now following Jesus? If so, how?

SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your sermon notes from this past weekend's teaching, was there anything said that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

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GROUP DISCUSSION

1. When have you seen an example of the church using the Bible as a pair of binoculars instead of a mirror to examine ourselves?
2. It's been said we tend to judge others by their actions, but we judge ourselves by our intentions. How has this played out in your own life? Why do we tend to be more gracious with ourselves and more judgmental with others?
3. This weekend, Chad discussed the difference between how we approach those who are Jesus followers and those who are not. How is this approach different and why do you think the Bible instructs us to take this different approach?
4. Read John 1:14. What do you think it means to be full of both "grace and truth?"
5. Read the following passages and discuss how Jesus showed both "grace and truth" in each: John 4:4-26; Matthew 9:9-13; John 8:1-11.

6. In his book *“Everybody, Always,”* Bob Goff says he doesn’t want his “big opinions” to get in the way of someone else seeing Jesus. When have you observed “big opinions” blocking someone’s view of Jesus? How can you let others see Jesus in you without your “big opinions” getting in the way?

PRAYER

Take time to pray as a group. Ask for prayer requests and spend time praying for one another and these requests.

ACTION ITEM

What can you do this week to reach out and love those who are not like you?

UPCOMING EVENTS

ReEngage Begins Sept 23rd. Ten Weeks. Go to marriage.sv.cc

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