

ALL IN: Week 5 – The Power of Together

Open in Prayer

Welcome/Introductions/Cast Vision

Remind the Grow Group of the ground rules

Share context of the story *[Provide context by sharing the information below.]*

In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul addresses the church in Corinth about a number of issues they were debating. He declares that the proper use of spiritual gifts is to build up the body of Christ. Paul names love as the key virtue that compels us to use our gifts effectively. He goes into great detail about the characteristics of love gently rebuking the church because they are not displaying the love of Christ to others.

Tell the story – 1 Corinthians 13 *[Have someone tell the story.]*

Rebuild the story *[Group members tell the story together based on what they remember.]*

Read the story out loud *[Read the scripture passage to see if anything was added or omitted.]*

Discuss these questions:

1. What do we learn about God from this passage? *[God is the true source of love; this is how we know what love is, Jesus Christ laid down his life for us (1 John 3:16); God is concerned not only with my actions, but the motives behind those actions; God calls us to build relationships with fellow believers and encourage each other in the faith; God desires for me to grow as His disciple; God has commanded us to love each other; our love testifies to a lost world that we are disciples of Jesus (John 13:35); etc.]*
2. What do we learn about Man/Us from this passage? *[My love is simply a reflection of His love; I sometimes insist on doing things my own way, which can result in hurting others; I must abide in Christ to have Him produce spiritual fruit in my life; I can do things out of selfish ambition; in my flesh, I can act out in anger; when I keep records of wrong, I am not acting in accordance to God's will or exhibiting His grace; sanctification is a life-long process; I am still a spiritual child in certain areas of my life; etc.]*
3. What is God saying to you specifically through this passage as it pertains to your life, marriage, family, and work?
4. In light of what you've learned today, what do you need to do to obey God?

Other Questions specific to this passage:

1. Has someone ever confronted you with biblical truth but failed to do it with an attitude of love? How did you feel? Have you been guilty of making the same mistake?
2. Why is the word "love" so easy to say but so hard to demonstrate?

Assign Next week's passage – Ephesians 2:11-22 *[Ask someone to tell the story next week.]*

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ALL IN: Week 5 – Leadership Coaching

The purpose of this page is to help you sharpen your skills as a Grow Group leader. Each week, we will include concepts, challenges, and resources designed to assist you as you lead and shepherd your Grow Group and grow as a disciple yourself.

Leading *[learn to facilitate your group more effectively]*

We intentionally have 3 types of Grow Groups: Men, Women, and Couples. We believe it is critical for people in different life stages to do life together as they seek to mature in their faith. Over the next few weeks, we will highlight the strengths and challenges of each of these group types.

Couples' Grow Groups work well for spouses who want a joint time to grow in their faith. They may also serve as a great entry point for spouses and anyone who does not usually attend church.

One common drawback to couples' groups is the depth of sharing. People can be guarded in their comments when their spouse or the opposite gender is present. You can help to overcome the lack of depth in modeling vulnerability and providing avenues for men and women to talk separately. Once a month, have men and women meet separately in different parts of the house. Encourage fellowship nights where men and women enjoy separate activities.

Shepherding *[know the sheep, feed the sheep, lead the sheep, protect the sheep]*

If there is someone in your Grow Group who has not attended in a while, call and check up on them. Let them know they are missed. Ask how you can pray for them or invite them to coffee or lunch. This contact could very well be the catalyst that brings them back to the group.

Developing *[grow as a disciple yourself]*

Since the beginning, God's people have given powerful expressions of God's character in the form of a special name. These names are intended to celebrate the goodness of God as He works in our life. Jehovah Nissi represents a name given by Moses following a series of miracles that demonstrated God's love and care for His people. Jehovah refers to God Himself, whereas Nissi refers to the term "banner" or "flag." In this statement, Moses declared that God is the one "I look to" or "align under." This name is a powerful declaration that Moses unashamedly identified himself as one of God's people. Read Exodus 17:8-16. Is your life aligned under God's banner? What areas of your life do you find yourself submitting to the influences of others rather than to God?