



Week 1 | Church in the City | August 20

Key Focus: Faith and the Christian life rests in God's power.

Opening Up:

- Do you think it is easier or harder to live in light of Christian values today versus 10 years ago? In what ways?
- Over the past week what has had the biggest impact on your mood: the news, relationships, a book/blog/magazine, entertainment, hobby, or the bible and prayer? Other? Explain.
- In what ways does your spiritual life impact the rest of your life?
- What helps you to have a vibrant spiritual life?

Reference: 1 Corinthians 1:1 - 3:4

Discuss:

1. When you look at how Paul came to Corinth (2:1-3), how would you describe his ministry style? What might Paul say to churches today?
2. How might the church empty the power of the cross of Christ? (1:17)
3. When reading Ephesians 3:14-21, we see Paul praying for us to have an ability to know something that is beyond knowledge. What is Paul praying for, and how have you received it?
4. How does boasting in Jesus (1:31) help you to face the hard stuff of life?
5. Give an example of how boasting in Jesus helps you?
6. Paul does not open with the confrontation of sin, but with their identity in Christ (1:2). Why should confronting sin begin with one's cross-formed identity?
7. What does Paul mean when he says that our "faith does not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God"? How has God's power given you faith?
8. In what ways do you need God's power in your life right now?
9. Pray.