



Week 3 | Church in the City | September 3

Key Focus:

Opening Up:

- **If you could add skill or ability to your life with the wave a magic wand, what skill would you add? Explain.**
- **If you could wave a wand and miraculously add a new habit to your life, what would it be? Explain.**
- **If you were giving advice to someone 10 years younger than yourself, what's one thing you would say to add value to their life?**

Reference: 1 Corinthians 4:1-21

Discuss:

1. Romans 7:19 says "For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing." Why do you think it is so hard for us to change our habits even when we might really want to, and even if we recognize them as evil?
2. What do you think are some of the often unrecognized forces that are at work at shaping our lives today?
3. Can you think of a time in your life that crises spurred genuine change? Did it last?
4. Researchers have found that one of the keys to lasting change is belonging to a community. Do you have some key relationships that help shape you to look more like Christ?
5. In 1 Corinthians 4:8 Paul says that the Corinthians already have all that they want. Could the same be said about us? Do we really have a need for Christ in our lives?
6. On Sunday, Rodger talked about our tendency to "sanctify sins" rather than partnering with God to do the hard work of re-habit ing our lives. Are there any sanctified sins in your life right now?
7. Pray.