Week 4 |Church in the City | September 10

Key Focus: The tension is right.
Opening Up:
- Do you have a stress relieving tip? Tell of a time it helped you.
- What was your most stress free time in life?
- Is it hard for you to say "no"? Explain. If not, is it hard for you to say "yes"?

Reference: 1 Corinthians 5:1-6:20

Discuss:
1. Have you ever been homesick? Explain.
2. Our faith can help us to relieve anxiety, by cast our cares upon the God who cares for us. (1 Peter 5:7) However, we live in a world that is not our home (Philippians 3:20) and that sometimes makes us anxious and homesick. In what ways do you feel homesick for your future home in God's Kingdom?
3. In 5:2 and 5:6 we see that pride blinded the church to the truth. How does pride blind us to the truth when confronted by it?
4. Do you think it is easy to abuse God's grace by applying His grace as a license to sin? How do you protect yourself from that?
5. In 5:1 a notorious sinner who claims to walk with Christ is living openly and unrepentantly. No on is confronting his obvious and sinful behavior. Why is hard to confront someone in their sin? Why is it necessary and loving?
6. How could releasing someone to experience the pain of their unrepentant sin help them? (5:5)
7. The gospel is a place of tension between the sectarian pull of religious legalism and the acculturating pull of the permissiveness of the prevailing culture. Christians who do not want to hold the tension of truth and grace usually give up and give in to legalism or antinomianism (the idea that the law of God is irrelevant in light of grace). Do you feel the tension? How do you feel the tension? How are you trying to hold the tension?
8. How do you reconcile the call to confront the sin in a Christians life in 5:11 and the call to not judge outsiders in (5:12-13)?
9. Why is important to first confess who we are (5:7) and what Christ has done (5:7) before addressing sinful behavior?
10. Is there any sin tendency in your life that you need to confess, repent of, and experience freedom in?
11. Pray