

Fun Small Group Warm Up Question:

What did you dream about being when you grew up?
If you had to switch jobs, what would be your dream job today?

New Testament

Romans 14, 15, & 16 ~ 1 Corinthians 1 & 2

1. Do you enjoy social media? Why or why not? Do you struggle with it? How? How might Romans 14:1 help us in handling social media better? How does Romans 14:1-12 help us to be more gracious towards other believers on issues that are debatable?
2. How does Romans 14:13-23 help to “walk in love”? What are some things we might feel Christian “freedom” to do that we could instead avoid in order not to be a “stumbling block or hindrance” to the faith of another believer? What might it look like to pursue “what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding”?
3. How is Romans 15:4 a good reminder of the important of Bible reading and listening?
4. What parts of Christ’s life and death particularly impact you and strengthen your faith? (Romans 15:8)
5. Why should the Christian life be filled with joy, peace, and hope? (Romans 15:13)
6. Paul’s ambition was to “preach the Gospel” to those “who have never been told of him” (Romans 15:20-21)? Who in your life do you think may have never heard the Gospel clearly? Where might God be calling you to go or give or pray to tell others who have not hear the Gospel news?
7. Paul had hoped to travel to Spain (Romans 15:24) but never made it there. Is there somewhere you have tried to go but haven’t made it there yet?
8. Why do you think Paul concludes with such a significant warning as in Romans 16:17-18. What does it look like to be “wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil” (Romans 16:19)? Why is Romans 16:20 such a needed reminder and encouragement? What do you like about the final statements of Romans 16:25-27?
9. How would you describe yourself in one sentence? How does Paul introduce himself in 1 Corinthians 1:1?
10. What is Paul thankful for (1 Corinthians 1:4-9)? What are you most thankful for?
11. Why do you think Paul prioritizes church unity (1 Corinthians 1:10-17)? What was dividing the churches then? What churches divide us now? Do you think it is dangerous to brag and boast about your denomination’s, church’s, or pastor’s name? Why or why not? Why could an “eloquent” (1 Corinthians 1:17) preacher with “lofty speech or wisdom” (1 Corinthians 2:1) actually be dangerous to our spiritual health? (1 Corinthians 2:5)
12. How do you see the Bible as “folly to those who are perishing” today? (1 Corinthians 1:18). How is 1 Corinthians 1:25 a humbling and important teaching?
13. Why are you the best person to describe yourself to others? Why is having the Holy Spirit essential to properly understanding the Bible (1 Corinthians 2:10-16)?

Called, Set Apart, and Secure

(I Corinthians 1:2)

*“To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those **sanctified** in Christ Jesus, **called** to be saints **together** with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours” 1 Cor 1:2*

I am sanctified.

I have been called.

I am holy.

I am covered in His grace. *“I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus” 1 Cor 1:4*

I have been fully equipped. *“so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ 1 Cor 1:7*

I am secure. *“who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” 1 Cor 1:8-9*

Satan lies. Know God’s truth.

“He (Satan) does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.” John 8:44

Satan’s Lie: “I’m worse than any Christian I know”
God’s Truth” “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man.” 1 Cor 10:13

Satan’s Lie: “I’ll never be able to change.”
God’s Truth: “ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” 2 Cor 5:17

Satan’s Lie “I’ve messed up too bad. God won’t have anything to do with me, except punishment.”
God’s Truth:”If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9

Satan’s Lie:”I don’t want to live life anymore. I’d rather be dead.”
God’s Truth: “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” John 10:10

