



SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Icebreaker: Who do you most look like in your family? How is your personality similar or different from your parents?

Context: The Apostle Paul wrote First Corinthians from the city of Ephesus in the Roman province of Asia near the end of his three-year ministry in Ephesus. First Corinthians covers a number of topics that had the potential to cause the Church to reflect the world more than Jesus Christ. Paul opens by sharing some encouraging words about the Corinthian church.

Passage: Read 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 and Pray.

Discussion

1. After reading Paul's greeting in v.1-3, what are some important details that he mentions and why are they important?
2. Paul says he is writing this letter to those who have been sanctified or "set apart to be holy". Why is it important for Christians to be distinct and different from the culture around it?
3. What impact could it have if the church, which is people, fails to look any different than the world around it?
4. What are some things that Paul is thankful for in v.4-9?
5. How have you seen people in our group use their spiritual gifts?
6. What are some gifts you believe the Lord has blessed you with? How are you using them?
7. What does Paul mean when he says, "you are not lacking in any gift?"
8. What is a specific example of God's faithfulness in your life that is good to remember?

Next Step

9. What can keep you from reflecting Christ to those around you?
10. How can you reflect more of Christ in your life?

K4 Connection

In the same way that God put the Church in Corinth to reflect Christ to Corinth, God has placed First Light in Vandalia, Butler Township, and in future communities to reflect Christ to those communities. Our world is broken and our communities are filled with broken people looking to be made whole. God has called our church to bring about restoration in our communities because of the hope and message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. How will we reflect the Light of Christ to those around us?

Care and Pray

- Celebrate, how have you seen God at work around you lately?
- How can we pray for each other?

MESSAGE NOTES

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Reflecting Christ

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Living for Christ should lead us to reflect Christ!

1. _____ By God. (1 Cor. 1:1-3)

2. _____ By God's Grace. (1 Cor. 1:4-6)

3. _____ Jesus To Return. (1 Cor. 1:7)

4. _____ On God's Faithfulness. (1 Cor. 1:8-9)

