

1. Think about your concept of 'church' **before** the age of 20. What were your impressions and attitudes about church **then**?
 - How has your attitude **changed** about church over time?

2. **Read Matthew 16:13-19** How does Jesus' proclamation "I will build **My** church" **impact** your thinking about being in a community of believers? • We often associate a building with 'church' how can that association with a physical building misdirect us?

3. **Read I Corinthians 1:1-3** Paul proclaims that we are "called to be His holy people." When you hear this proclamationwhat do you think it means? What does **holy** look like to you?

4. **Read I Corinthians 1:4-9** What spoke to **you** in this passage?what verse or truth?
 - What key biblical truths does Paul reveal in this passage?

 - What is the greater reality to which Paul is calling these Christians at Corinth to at the end of verse 7? How is that truth motivating?

5. **Read I Corinthians 1:10-16** Paul's exhortation is to unity → why was this crucial?

□ How did the four factions (cliques) cause disunity?

□ Do you see that same problem in the American church scene today?

□ Why did Paul bring up baptism?

6. **Read I Corinthians 1:17 & Romans 1:16-17** In both verses, the Apostle Paul points to the gospel. Why does Paul point to the gospel for both the church in Corinth and Rome?

□ How does disunity and division impact the city of Corinth and the impact of the gospel?

□ In what ways do we **or** the church get distracted from communicating the gospel?