

#BECOMETOGETHER



TRIBE

OCTOBER 21-28 2015

MY PERSONAL MAP



This target represents where you want to go. If you know where you want to be in 3 months describe it below:

1. Spiritually (personally):
2. Relationally (with others):
3. Missionally (your mission):



This X represents where you are now. Take a moment to describe where you are in the provided areas:

1. Spiritually (personally):
2. Relationally (with others):
3. Missionally (your mission):



WELCOME!!!

Hello Tribe! We are looking forward to walking out the following weeks with you all.

We are incredibly excited to see how we can grow and BECOMETOGETHER in the coming months.

During these devotions we encourage you all to reach out to your fellow Tribers; sit down and talk about what God is showing you. Growing with one another happens best when we share what God is doing in our lives. We highly encourage you to spend some fellowship time with one another as you study God's word.

We believe that our study of 1 Corinthians will help us, as Tribe, to develop the type of Kingdom relationships our Heavenly Father desires us to have with Him and with others.

During the course of these devos do not hesitate to post your thoughts on the Tribe Facebook page. You could also reach out to someone in Tribe to share what you are learning.

These books are not meant to be a grueling process, but rather a challenging and growing experience. Let's becometogether with God's Word.

EVENTS PAGE

Upcoming Events

Tribe Couples in NE City 10/24/15 @11am

Tribe Celebration 10/28/15 @7pm

We will also have an after Tribe hangout, watching a movie together.

Harvest Party Event 10/31/15 @3:30pm

We will have a new Series in November called, Circles, where we will be sharing the ways to have Kingdom relationships in every "circle" of people you have in your life.



This book
Belong to...

WHY CORINTHIANS WAS WRITTEN...

After Paul had completed his 18-month ministry in Corinth, he set out for Syria with Priscilla and Aquila. On reaching Ephesus, Paul ministered for a short time, promising to return if the Lord willed (18:19-21). He left Priscilla and Aquila there and journeyed on to Caesarea, Jerusalem and Antioch (Acts 18:18-22). After strengthening the churches in Asia Minor, Paul returned to Ephesus for a much more extensive ministry. He stayed in Ephesus, teaching in the school of Tyrannus for two years. While in Ephesus, he seems to have received unfavorable reports about the Corinthian church which prompted him to write his first letter to this church, a letter which was not preserved as a part of the New Testament canon (1 Corinthians 5:9-11). Later, while Paul was still ministering the Word in Ephesus, he heard from some of **"Chloe's people"** that divisions were beginning to emerge among the Corinthian saints. In addition, Paul was informed of a case of gross immorality in the church, one with which the church had not dealt. Instead of feeling shame and sorrow over this sin, at least some of the saints were proud of their tolerance (chapter 5). He heard also of Christians taking their fellow-believers to court, seeking to have pagans pass judgment on spiritual matters (chapter 6). Paul was also told of unbecoming conduct at the Lord's Supper (chapter 11) and of doctrinal error concerning the resurrection (chapter 15). A three-man delegation consisting of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus also arrived from Corinth (16:17) bringing a letter which inquired of Paul about marriage (7:1), virgins (7:25), food sacrificed to idols (8:1), spiritual gifts (12:1), the collection for the saints (16:1), and Apollos (16:12). It was while he was in Ephesus that Paul wrote 1 Corinthians in response to the reports and questions he received there. (from bible.org)



DAY 1

Read through Chapter 2, but before you start, ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this.

¹And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ²For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. ⁴My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

⁶We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human



mind has conceived"—the things God has prepared for those who love him—¹⁰these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. ¹⁴The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. ¹⁵The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, ¹⁶for,

"Who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

REFLECTIONS

Q: What are some of the passages that stuck out to you?

Q: Write down any questions you had as you were reading or verses you didn't seem to understand fully. Through the week look for answers to these questions as you study.

DAY 2 LET'S BREAK IT DOWN!

[God Doesn't Need a Salesman]

Read Verses 1-5

Paul calls the people of Corinth to remember how he came to them, humble, simple, and in his weakness. Paul was a very well educated man with knowledge to persuade people if he so desired (he studied under the famous Gamaliel and was well studied in Greek culture), however, he intentionally avoided preaching to the Corinthians with a lot of his knowledge and skill. He did this because he did not want to get in the way of what God wanted to do or say. Some of us feel that because we are not as eloquent as say a others we know or communicators we like, that we are not able to share the gospel. But this passage should give us COURAGE to speak up. It is not in OUR ability to "sell" Christianity to someone. Instead it is our desire to help them and our willingness to be bold enough (even in our fear and trembling) to tell them the truth in love. Later in Corinthians we read that we can plant the seed of faith and others can water it, but it is really up to God to cause the increase not our masterful words (1 Cor 3:6-9).

REFLECTION

Q: Have you ever felt God put something on your heart or mind to share with others? Do you ever feel compelled to share the good news with people you know? If yes, explain those situations:

Q: Explain some times or situations where you feel the Holy Spirit prompting you to step out in your faith and depend on His power to do something bigger than you?

DAY 3

TAPPING INTO THE SOURCE Read Verses 6-16

These verses are life changing if we can wrap our heads around this TRUTH. Paul begins to explain how awesome the gospel is and how difficult it is to understand without the help of the Holy Spirit. He uses the analogy of how impossible it is to know someone's thoughts or heart. This scripture states that only a person's spirit can know them. If you could tap into one person's spirit/mind and know what they are thinking, who would it be?). Really think about it! In the grand scheme of eternity the only person that I would want to make sure I am on the right side of is the one that created the cosmos and holds my soul in his hands! But aren't his thoughts higher than ours?...yes they are! This is where it gets really cool!!! Verse 12 says we have received "the Spirit who is from God so that we may understand what God has freely given us". We have access to God's thoughts through his word the Bible, but also through listening to His Holy Spirit. God wants us to have a close relationship with him where we really KNOW him as our Heavenly Father. He loves us and wants to help us in our everyday life and do things no one else can imagine. By spending time with him we start to see things the way he does.

REFLECTION

Write down any “mysteries” of the gospel that God has revealed to you through His word:

Q: Do you know that we have the mind of Christ in us? How does this reality affect your life today, in the next 5 minutes, the next 3 hours, etc.?

DAY 4

THERE IS A SHADOW HIDING FROM THE LIGHT

Read Verse 14

“The Person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit”. The tough reality is that there are many that cannot understand the good news of Jesus Christ. It comes as second nature to those that have the Spirit of God inside them, while to others it seems like complete foolishness. Some will scoff at believers and call us fools or worse and never know how much the Father’s heart breaks for them. It is His desire that no one would miss out on the eternal gift we have through Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:9). Most of us are painfully aware of this situation. We have some of our friends or even family that may consider what we know and experience with God to be utter foolishness. If you have felt this way, take comfort in the truth that what we know can also be shown to them. Continue to pray for them and stand your ground in faith. We are called to be aliens in this world, not citizens of it. If we get too comfortable here we can easily lose our kingdom focus.

REFLECTION

Q: Share a time when you sense the Holy Spirit showing you something. How did you step past the “foolishness” of it and operate in faith?

Q: What do you do when your friends consider your faith to be foolish?

Q: Does your life (apart from coming to church) look different than those that are not saved? How should it be different?

DAY 5

SEEING 20/20 Read Verse 15-16

15 The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, 16 for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

This verse asserts that the person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things. When the Holy Spirit is put inside you and you are spending time allowing him to minister to you, you start to see things through God’s lens. This relationship and connection causes you to correctly discern right from wrong. The term “judgments” used here is better translated as discernment. The application here doesn’t mean being judgmental about people but being able to correctly discern what is beneficial and what is not.

This is an important resource and skill that God has allotted to us in our relationship with Him. We need this skill and focus because it can be very difficult to know what to do in the world we live in today.

Are there some social issues in the world today that have you torn? Are there issues close to home that cause you concern or confusion?

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Write down a testimony of what God is already showing you through His word this week. Consider posting it on the Tribe Facebook page (if its appropriate and you feel comfortable doing so). We would love to celebrate with you!

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DAY 7

IT GETS REAL

Based on what you studied this week and last, what do you think this life looks like practically? If you have the mind of Christ how does that effect your every move (the way you think about your job, education, relationships, free time, alone time, friend time, movie time, gaming time, shopping time, etc.)? It would stand to reason that it could change everything if you let it. Having this new mind causes us to want to spend more time getting to know him in prayer and the word. It helps us to align our desires with His and to give up things that corrupt us.

Having the mind of Christ is an extreme experience and lifestyle. It leads to a regenerate lifestyle and one that can change the world. It helps us to know how we can be the difference in our places of work, our schools and our homes. What God-given mission is found when we become more and more attentive to His Spirit inside of us. We come to recognize His voice better when we are more active in reading and understanding His word. We gain the faith to live this way when we practice obedience to Him in the small ways. These small “yeses” lead to way bigger moments of change and impact.

SEE YOU TONIGHT AT TRIBE!

Take some time to write down any questions or concerns you had as you read this chapter. Reach out to someone tonight and share or discuss any of the thoughts, questions, or victories you came across this week.

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We hope you had a great week and look forward to seeing you all tonight. Come ready for another amazing night getting closer to God and becoming-together with everyone in our Tribe.

We will be celebrating this
INSPIRATIONS time and
watching a movie after Tribe
too!

TO SEE A GENERATION
PURSUE GOD TOGETHER,
CONVINCED OF THE
TRUTH AND LIVING IN
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