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Message Title: Having the Mind of Christ

Big Idea: You can know the mind of Christ, but you must have it to see real results.

Living a healthy, fruitful, spiritually mature life means at times we will be uncomfortable.

When comfort goes from something that is nice to something that is non-negotiable, we have a problem and an idol.

The Mind of Christ (Philippians 2)

- Jesus didn't cling to His power or position.
- He humbled Himself as a servant.
- He willingly laid down His life for others.
- He obeyed the Father's will & bring life to all of us.
- He trusted God's promise to raise Him & reward Him

II Corinthians 6:3 We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. 4 But in all things, we commend ourselves as ministers of God:

1. Serve an audience of One.

2. Care about Christ-like character.

Uncomfortable situations will challenge our character.

6 by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, 7 by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

Ease doesn't equate to God's blessing.

3. Focus on input not output.

8 by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; 9 as unknown, and yet well known; as dying and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; 10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

11 O Corinthians! We have spoken openly to you; our heart is wide open. 12 You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted by your own affections. 13 Now in return for the same (I speak as to children), you also be open.

4. Stay open.

14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? 15 And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? 16 And what agreement has the temple

of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among *them*. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." **17** Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." **18** "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

5. Be separate.

LIFE Group Discussion Guide

General Timeline Guide: (Adjust as appropriate for your group's needs.)

5-10 minutes connecting personally with how everyone is doing.

45 minutes going over message with discussion questions and life applications.

5-10 minutes praying for each other

Discussion Questions

Look over these questions before your group time. Write down your answers or ideas for at least a few questions if not all. You may not get to every question during your time but speak up if you want to talk about one of them in particular. Always try to start with question #1.

1. What stood out to you and/or what do you think God might be speaking about from this message?

2. In what areas of your life have you made comfort a non-negotiable rather than something nice to have, and how might this be hindering your spiritual growth?

3. What does it practically look like to serve an audience of One rather than seeking to please people or build your own platform?

4. What does being open and vulnerable look like in your relationships, and what fears or self-protection mechanisms keep you from living this way?

5. In what ways might you be unequally yoked or allowing worldly influences to compromise your walk with Christ, and how can you establish better boundaries