

Countercultural: A Study of 1 Corinthians

Wise Biblical Stewardship

- **1.** How would you explain Detrich Bonhoeffer's quote to a new Christian or to an unbeliever? Salvation is free, but discipleship will cost you your life.
- **2.** In your own words, how would you define "stewardship" in general? How would you define Biblical stewardship?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 - Stewardship of our money

- **a.** How did the Jerusalem collection meet more than just the financial needs of the believers in Jerusalem? How might helping with financial/physical needs be a pathway to discipleship and/or the Gospel?
- **b.** How should our giving be an act of worship? What part does generosity have in it?
- **c.** How should our giving be: consistent, personal, sacrificial, proportional and from our first fruits?

4. Read 1 Corinthians 16:5-9 - Stewardship of our opportunities

- a. What does it mean to steward our opportunities well?
- **b.** What stops you most often when it comes to stepping through open doors of opportunity (fear of making a mistake vs making impulsive decisions)?
- **c.** What opportunities or open doors does God have in front of you right now? How can this group pray for you about your next step?

5. Read 1 Corinthians 16:10-24 - Stewardship of our relationships with other people

- a. How can we be good stewards of the relationship opportunities that God brings into our lives?
- b. If you were to write a closing like Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 16, who are the people and relationships that you would mention? Spiritually speaking, who are you pouring into, and who is pouring into you?

Next Week: Joel 1:1-20





