



## **1 Corinthians 16:13-24 Power of People**

**Why be involved with and invest in people when they are such a hassle?** Corinth was a bit messed up and a difficult bunch. It would be easier to walk away.

1. **Accountability.** Prov. 27:17 *Iron sharpens iron.* Gen. 2:18 *The Lord said: it is not good for man to be alone* (even paradise wasn't great without others!). Luke 10:1 *Jesus sends them 2x2.*
2. **People are the prize:** 1 Thessalonians 2:19–20 *“What is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at His coming? Is it not you? For you are our glory and joy”* Philippians 4:1 he writes they *are his beloved joy and crown (stephanos).* 3 John 4 *“I have **no greater joy** than to hear that my children are walking in the truth”.* **Challenge:** Titus 2-*Older women train younger ones.* Invite others into your daily life. Mom's find a younger mom, Dad's... Teens.

How? I don't even like people maybe...

- a. **The cross changes everything:** (Galatians 1:13, 23–24) *You have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. . . . [But now those who once feared me are saying, “He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.” And they glorified God because of me.*
3. **Synergy:** v.16: *submit to those who (synergeo) help in the work.* Synergy- 1+1=3 Eccl. 4:10 says *we are better together, if one falls down, the other can help him up.* Paul brought others along to duplicate him in his efforts. Who can you do that with?

### **Grow Group Questions:**

1. Will I enter heaven with any stored-up treasures? And specifically, “stephanos” crowns of rejoicing because of people I've disciplined, mentored or led to Jesus? Who are the natural relationships I can approach in order to begin?
2. Where do I find myself passive in my responsibility to grow in my faith? What practical steps could I actively do to change that?
3. Who could you invite into your daily rhythms of life to build naturally into them? Think about seasons of life (if you have young kids, invite another parent with young kids to do life together; if you are going to serve, invite someone along with you).
4. Am I relationally wealthy or do I tend to close myself off from people? Do I feel like I have anything to offer another person? Do I have someone in my life encouraging me to value people partnerships?

### **Announcements 02/12/2023**

- Family Camp 2023: March 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> @ Camp Impact – Sign up at [feathersoundchurch.com/familycamp](https://feathersoundchurch.com/familycamp)
- 8-Week Discipleship Class: Sundays @ 11am beginning 02/12/2023
- Items still needed for the Cuba Trip: Pens, small notebooks, index cards, light-weight non-perishable food items, OTC medications, adult and children's underwear and socks and toiletries
- For all other events, go to [feathersoundchurch.com/events](https://feathersoundchurch.com/events)