
About This Resource

As a church who do we recognize as our leader?

Should Sunday morning be more about people or God?

How should the church deal with sin in its members?

On what foundation are we building our faith and the faith community we are a part of?

This month we are going to take a look at the struggles within the church. This isn't focused on the sin of the world, but the problems of the faith community. It can become easy for a church to be known by its pastor, even for years after they leave. It is also easy for churches to become more about the people and what we can do rather than what God desires. Also, in our culture it is easy to be nice rather than do the hard work of church discipline. When we have cracks in the walls of our church it can show that our foundation is not what it should be. Join us this month as we check the walls and foundations of our church communities.

Each session includes (60 – 75 minutes):

- ❖ **Share Time:** An opportunity for people to share where they saw God this week. (7 minutes)
- ❖ **Connection Time:** An activity to grow in relationship with each other. (8 minutes)
- ❖ **Worship:** Songs that speak the truth of the session. (10-15 minutes)
- ❖ **Teaching:** A video clip that dives into the chapter. (15-20 minutes)
- ❖ **Scripture Memory:** Tools to hide the word of God in your heart. (5-7 minutes)
- ❖ **Simple Spiritual Conversation Starters:** Questions that can easily transition to spiritual conversations (10-15 minutes)
- ❖ **Biblical Prayer:** Prompts to pray Scripture back to God (5 minutes)

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- Daily tools for personal growth and outreach
- Yearly conference information
- Free curriculum



Lesson #1: Who Are We Following?

What you will need for this lesson:

Bring your favorite game (make sure you have some house rules made up)

Setup:

- Have the song videos and teaching videos pulled up on the computer.
- Prepare the tool for memorizing scripture.
- Put a list of past scriptures on the board to go over.
- Print a copy of the daily tools for each attendee.

Curriculum Note: As you walk through each daily tool, have your group write down who or when they could use that tool this week. This curriculum is a call and an expectation of action in this world. Let's equip, empower and encourage each other to live our lives 100% committed to Jesus every day.

Welcome: (Includes Share Time and Fun Friday)

Make sure to bring a favorite game with you and take 5-10 minutes to explain some house rules, read the real rules and play a small portion of the game based off the real rules. Take time and discuss what it means to follow Jesus and not people.

At Full Send we love to celebrate what God is doing and that is why we want testimony time to be a part of every session. We believe that God has been moving throughout the week and want to celebrate with each other where we saw Him. **Before we start talking about the book of 1 Corinthians let's share what God has been doing in our lives this week!** After a few people have shared praise God for His movement in your lives.

Worship: (Includes Tune In Thursday)

Listening and singing to God is a great way to connect with Him and hear Biblical truths. Encourage your group to either listen or sing along, whatever is best for them. As they engage with each song there will be a few questions to unpack what they heard and experienced.

Only Jesus by Casting Crowns -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXIBP2BdYR8&list=RDVXIBP2BdYR8&start_radio=1

- **What is the desire expressed in this song about our lives?**

Nobody by Casting Crowns – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vY13-Xe4MTk&list=RDvY13-Xe4MTk&start_radio=1

- **How are people described and how is God described in this song?**

Word: (Includes Scripture Sunday, Memorize Monday and Watch It Wednesday)

Before we listen to the message from Jeanette let's read 1 Corinthians 3

Today we are going to hear from Jeanette Van Genderen about some cracks in the walls of the church. <https://youtu.be/R9r5yPK53qs>

Encourage people to take notes on the back of their sheet of daily tools as they listen to the teaching. **Ask them what stood out to them from the teaching or the scripture.**

Let's memorize 1 Corinthians 3:5-6 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

This week we are going to memorize the verse by putting the first letters of each word up on the white board.

WTIA? WIP? STWYB, ATLATE. IP, AW, BGGTG

Witness: (Includes Table Talk Tuesday)

Now that we have read and studied about some cracks in the walls of the church, invite the group to answer the questions as they would. Then think about how others may answer the questions and how they can turn that into a spiritual conversation.

The questions of the day are: Who is worth following? Who is the leader of the church? Do you know any famous pastors? Do you know why they are famous? What does it look like to follow Jesus and not a person?

As we process these questions, we hope that each person is prepared and equipped to use these questions in normal everyday conversations throughout the week.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 1:12-13

Truth: Christians don't follow a pastor, they follow Jesus.

May this section be an encouragement to those who hear it, and may God fill them with the hope they can have in Jesus Christ.

Closing Prayer: (Includes Seek Him Saturday)

Each week we want to teach people how to pray scripture back to God. Sometimes it is as easy as speaking the text and other times it is using the concepts of the passage to say what is going on in our lives. **Let's finish our day by praying 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 and thank God for the people who have been in your life that taught you about Jesus and then end with giving praise to God for your salvation that only comes through Jesus and not people.**

Encourage the group to come back with stories of what God did this week and how He worked through these daily tools.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1-4**Topic: Who Are We Following?****Scripture Sunday:**

As we launch our series in 1 Corinthians join me in reading 1 Corinthians 1-4 today and write down who people in the church were following.

Memorize Monday:

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 1 Corinthians 3:5-6

Table Talk Tuesday:

Talk: Who is worth following? Who is the leader of the church? Do you know any famous pastors? Do you know why they are famous? What does it look like to follow Jesus and not a person?

Text: What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 1 Corinthians 1:12-13

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Watch it Wednesday:

Full Send 1 Corinthians-Cracks In the Wall – Who Are you Following by Jeanette Van Genderen
<https://youtu.be/R9r5yPK53qs>

Tune In Thursday:

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Fun Friday:

Have some people over, grab a game and before you start playing ask them if any of them have "house rules" for this game. After discussing the house rules commit to playing the game by the actual rules. Once you have done this with a few different games then talk about the importance of following God and serving Him only.

Seek Him Saturday:

Pray 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 and thank God for the people who have been in your life that taught you about Jesus and then end with giving praise to God for your salvation that only comes through Jesus and not people.