

# **Remember Who You Are**

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# **Getting Started**

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

### Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

# Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

# Observation: What does this scripture passage say?

### Read: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

- 1. Read the salutation and introduction of this letter (v1-2). Who was Paul writing to?
- 2. List the many resources identified in these verses that are given to those who are in Christ (v4-9).

# Reflection and Discussion: What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures? Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

- 3. In this letter, Paul writes some challenging words to the Corinthians, but he begins in these first verses with thanksgiving, affirming their faith and spiritual gifts, and reminding them of God's provision and faithfulness. Why did Paul begin this way? What does this model for us?
- 4. The Corinthian church members had all the spiritual gifts they needed to live the Christian life, to witness for Christ, and to sand against the paganism and immorality of Corinth. But instead of using what God had given them, they were arguing over which gifts were more important (Paul addresses this in chapters 12-14). How can the modern church avoid the same issue?
- 5. Paul guarantees the Corinthian believers that God would consider them "blameless" when Christ returns. This guarantee was not because of their great gifts or their shining performance, but because of what Jesus Christ accomplished for them through his death and resurrection. Where or when is it easy for you to rely on your own faithfulness, provision, and ability over Christ to meet your physical, spiritual, or emotional needs?

# Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

6. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

# \*\* Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today \*\*