

life groups

NorthStar Church

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Breaking Bad, Week 1
1 Corinthians 1-4
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Main Idea

Many times the sinfulness of people invades the local church. It is only through total surrender and complete obedience that Jesus Christ can accomplish His work of Grace. This surrender and obedience must be the commitment of each individual member.

Study

(Please Note for those unfamiliar: “Breaking Bad” has a double innuendo – people actually being bad or sinful, and people breaking out of what is bad through the power of the Holy Spirit.) The message shared this week at all of our campuses told us of three ways that the church of Corinth was Breaking Bad in a negative way.

Review the following points from the Message and discuss within your group.

Paul identified and addressed 3 major problems with the Corinthian church:

1. Division (1:10-13). The word Paul used was “schisma” which means tear or split. During the message we were also given a Word picture by our Pastors about “wrangling”. Discuss what stayed in your mind from that illustration. How can fighting and division affect the church family and the surrounding community?
2. Immaturity (3:1-3). The word Paul used here was “nepios” which means babe or child. Do you give a baby the same type of food you give a full grown adult? Does a three year old child have the same control over what they say as a full grown adult? How can people be in the church for 20 years or more and NOT mature as a follower of Christ? How can a follower mature in their journey?
3. Arrogance (4:14-20). Webster’s dictionary defines being arrogant as exaggerating one’s own worth or importance with an overbearing manner; showing an offensive attitude of superiority. In what ways can a church be arrogant?

WHAT IS THE ANSWER TO THESE KIND OF ISSUES IN THE CHURCH?

1. Repentance – turning away from sin and self
2. Turning towards the cross

3. A fresh experience of forgiveness and Grace

What does the cross, or turning towards the cross, mean to us? (see 1 Cor 1:18)

Prayer

Pray for each other in your group and their various requests. Specifically pray for unity in the churches of Knoxville and the multiple campuses of NorthStar. Pray for each member of the group to be on mission for Christ rather than running to the ways of this world.