

## WE ARE A TEAM

1 Corinthians 3.5-9

### WHAT ARE WE?

In a culture of celebrity, we wrongly put too much emphasis on people and human ingenuity or giftedness. Parents, spouses, and friends bear the weight of responsibility for their loved ones to “make” people change. But this is a wrong outlook.

**What, Not Who:** Paul “demotes” the human vessels in this section by even using the neutral “what” instead of “who.” He is making it clear that these men are just servants, that in themselves they have no power to change people. This doesn’t mean that we as people have *nothing* to do with the Gospel work in people’s lives, but Paul wants to make the most important things crystal clear.

**We’re just the mail man.**

**We can’t make anyone read or believe the Gospel we bring.**

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### GOD GIVES THE GROWTH

We are all in this together, and we are all working together, just instruments. In ourselves, in our methods alone, and our examples alone, we are nothing. These are just vessels, jars of clay that hold the power of the Gospel. If you were in a desert in need of water, you wouldn’t care if you found water in a jar, a bucket, a horse trough, or a puddle. Your focus is on the water.

**The power to change doesn’t come from how powerful we are,  
But only from God.**

### HOW THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING

At our church, we deeply believe that God has given His church particular means to see transformation and change in our lives. It is not unique to us or our ingenuity, but we are just instruments and vessels that carry the Gospel, the Good News that is the power of God that changes us.

John 15.1-5, 11



## NOTES:

### This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

#### **Galatians 2:20**

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.



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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **1 Corinthians 3:5-9**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_

Why does it seem that Paul says "what" instead of "who" when referring to himself and Apollos? \_\_\_\_\_

### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

What particular truths are refreshing reminders that help you to keep your mind and heart focused on the completeness of God's faithfulness and work? How does this text keep your eyes focused on God's power and not on your own? \_\_\_\_\_

### Repent and Confess

It is easy for us to bear too much responsibility for other people's responses and actions concerning the Gospel. What areas of your life do you find yourself making yourself into a "celebrity" or "super Christian" by expecting that your words and example should somehow be more effective? \_\_\_\_\_

### Ask for Provision

In light of this passage and the above confession, what might you ask for from God? Patience for others, compassionate "eyes" towards others? A reality check reminder that you are just a jar of clay? A reminder of God's promises of His sovereignty and power and ability to change others on His own? \_\_\_\_\_

### Your Life Mission

Read **John 15:1-5**. If we are to be effective vessels, we need first to be connected to the Vine. We must be buckets, but buckets filled with living water, so that we can truly cast seed and water. Who have you been "watering" and "casting seed upon" recently, and who will you be doing so with in the coming weeks that you can get prayer for? Pray for yourself to be abiding in the Vine so that your heart would be full and ready to water. Pray also for these friends whom you love.

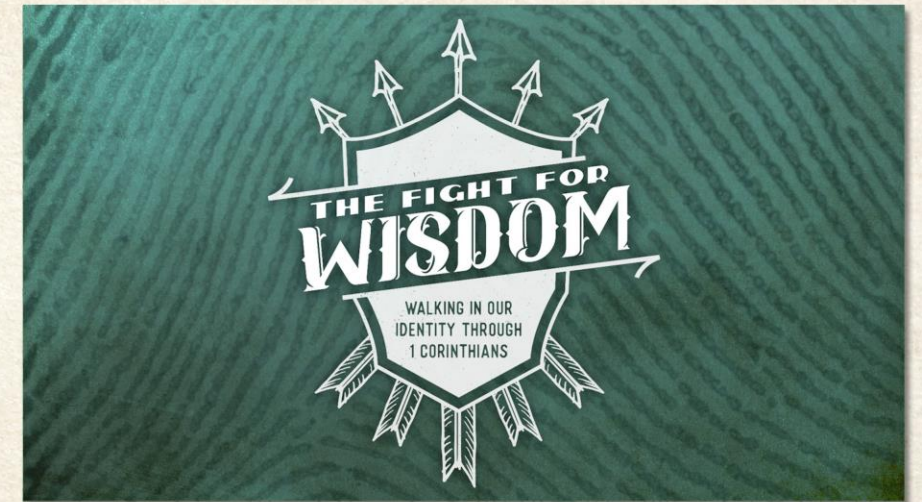
End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



# LIFE MISSION

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MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,  
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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