

BRING YOUR BRICK

GROUP DISCUSSION | Week 1: The Church and Its Leaders

SERIES OVERVIEW

In this series, **Bring Your Brick**, we'll dive into 1 Corinthians and explore the importance of using our spiritual gifts for the glory of God. We will learn how each gift is important for the functioning of the church and how we can work together to build a strong and vibrant community of believers. Gift by gift and brick by brick.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

Think of this discussion guide as a springboard. Use what's helpful to your group and don't feel like you've got to cover every aspect of the guide. Collective conversation centered on God's truth is the goal.

CONNECTION

Did you play with Legos growing up? Blocks? Lincoln Logs? Kinex? What do you remember about playing with some of those toys? What sorts of things did you build? Did you enjoy following instructions or creatively building from scratch? Why?

How do most people see the church? As more participation-oriented or more spectator-oriented? How do you see it?

If every Christ follower has a role to play in God's plan, then is NorthEast more like Legos or Jenga? Why?

TRUTH

Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-2. Paul addressed the lack of spiritual immaturity in what must've been the majority of the Corinthian church. What characteristics, behaviors, and disciplines are evident in a spiritually *mature* person?

Read 1 Corinthians 3:3. Paul spoke about worldly thinking. Specifically about two attitudes of worldly thinking: jealousy and quarreling. What does it mean for "jealousy and quarreling" to be "worldly" and how do they damage a church?

Monte spoke about the essentiality of unity in the church. Can a church be effective without it? How does Ephesians 4:2 influence a church's unity or lack of unity?

APPLICATION

Read Romans 12:18 and then the list of ways Monte suggested we nurture unity in our church:

- Protect Unity
- Pray for Unity
- Practice Daily Bible Study
- Pursue Unity

Where do you see the greatest need and opportunity for growth in your own life concerning church unity? **It's important to remember, just because you may not be at the center of "jealousy or quarreling" yourself, as a member of this body, we can all engage in nurturing unity.*

Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 3:9 "For we are co-workers in God's service;" What is meant by "co-worker"? How do you fit into that scenario?

PRAYER

Spend time praying for unity at NorthEast. Pray for our church leaders, our church body, and that God would continue being glorified in and through our church!