



GROUP DISCUSSION | Week 2: Judging Hampers Service

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

When was a time you were constructing something and discovered that you didn't have all the pieces? Perhaps a puzzle, a piece of Ikea furniture, or a house project that sent you to Home Depot multiple times.

TRUTH

Unity was the main problem that Paul was addressing in his letter to the Church in Corinth. How did this problem affect the effectiveness of the church?

What does the term "Bring Your Brick" mean in the context of this series? How does it relate to the idea that every disciple is important and has a role to play in building God's kingdom?

How does Paul describe the leadership roles of himself and Apollos in 1 Corinthians 4:1? What is the significance of the two words he uses, "servants" and "steward," in understanding their responsibilities?

According to Paul, what is the key quality of a mature and trusted leader? How does this relate to the idea of being willing to serve?

Read 1 Corinthians 4:2. Unpack what Paul is communicating in this verse.

APPLICATION

How can our desire for recognition from others hinder our ability to be faithful servants of God?

In what ways can criticism and judgment from others impact our service to God? How should we respond to criticism from others?

Why is it important to have a group of trusted Christians who can help us identify blind spots in our personal lives and ministry? How can we differentiate between having a clear conscience and a self-righteous attitude?

Read 1 Corinthians 4:3-5. Why is it important to wait for judgment until Jesus returns?

What does it mean to not "go beyond what is written?"

How can pride lead to disunity in the church? How can assuming the best intentions of other believers lead to unity in the church?

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!