Foundations For Christian Living: CALLING 1 Corinthians 16:5-24

The Reality of Living Out God's Calling

You Don't Know Exactly How Things Will Go (1 Cor 16:5-7, Acts 16:6-10)

You Will Still Face Opposition (1 Cor 16:8-9, Acts 19:23)

You Won't Be Liked By Everyone (1 Cor 16:10-11, John 15:18-19)

You Won't Get Total Compliance (1 Cor 16:12, Acts 15:36-41, 2 Tim 4:11)

Paul's Recommendations For Living Out God's Calling

1. Constantly Gather Data

(1 Cor 16:13a, 1 Peter 5:8-9)

2. When Things Get Tough... Toughen Up

(1 Cor 16:13b, 2 Corinthians 11:24-28)

3. Love People Through Thick & Thin

(1 Cor 16:14, Luke 22:31-34)

4. Recognize Godly Men & Women And Submit To Them

(1 Cor 16:15-20, Proverbs 19:20-21)

When It Comes To Living Out God's Calling, Recognize That...

If You Do What's Right... Then You Can't Go Wrong

Take Home Questions

- 1. BREAK THE ICE: What is your favorite book of the Bible and why?
- 2. Take a minute to read the passage together (1 Corinthians 16:5-24) and then review your notes from Sunday's lesson. What particularly stood out to you, challenged you or confused you in our study of 1 Corinthians 16:5-24 this week?
- 3. As we saw this weekend we can be walking in God's calling on our lives but still experience uncertainty, opposition, non-compliance and even relational difficulties.

Have you ever experienced these things personally while knowing beyond a shadow of a doubt that you were right where God had for you to be?

If so, what passages have helped you through these times?

Here are a few more to consider. Read through them as a group now.

Psalm 33:6-11 Psalm 121:1-8 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

4. Quickly read through the following passages and then answer the final question that follows. Be open and honest and recognize that we are all a work in progress.

Proverbs 13:20 Proverbs 19:20 Proverbs 27:17 1 Corinthians 11:1 Titus 2:1-7

What are you actively doing to grow in wisdom? Who are your mentors, disciplers, teachers and accountability partners? What books have you read lately that have helped you grow in your calling? What are some areas you need further sanctification in and how are you addressing those?

Finally, who are you intentionally discipling in Christ?