

Life Group Lesson Outline

Sinners & Saints Week 3

Date of sermon given: April 26th, 2026

Icebreaker (10-15 minutes)

Purpose: Encourage fellowship and set a comfortable tone.

Example Questions:

- What is your high and low for the week?
 - What are some things that gave you joy this week?
 - What are some things that gave you sadness this week?
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Lesson / Discussion (30-40 minutes)

Opening Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:17-2:16

Theme = The sermon examines the "mind of Christ" as the essential standard for Christian leadership, contrasting it with worldly values like personal charisma, eloquence, and outward success. By analyzing Paul's message in 1 Corinthians, the speaker argues that true leadership is rooted in the "word of the cross," which prioritizes humility, sacrifice, and character over chemistry. Ultimately, the message calls the congregation to follow leaders who draw attention to Christ's strength through their own perceived weaknesses rather than those who rely on human spectacles.

Question 1 = What are some "worldly standards" (like charisma or eloquence) that we often use to judge leaders today, and how do they differ from the "mind of Christ" described in the sermon?

Question 2 = Paul mentioned coming to the Corinthians in "weakness, fear, and much trembling." Why might a leader's admission of weakness actually be a more powerful testimony than a display of confidence?

Question 3 = Pastor Sam emphasized "character over chemistry" in leadership and relationships. In what practical ways can we prioritize looking for character in those we choose to follow?

Question 4 = The sermon mentions that valuing leaders for the wrong reasons leads to "schisms" or tearing the fabric of the church. How does focusing on the "Word of the Cross" help maintain unity within a community?

Reflection / Prayer = Take some time to pray for each other and our church.

Prayer Requests (10-30 minutes)

- Invite group members to share prayer needs. It would be good for the Leader to start this sharing time.
 - Close with prayer, praying for each request. (if they are comfortable, rotate who prays for the group)
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• **Leader Notes** [Space for personal notes or reflections]

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