Understanding the Big Issues of Worship

Sermon Based Life Group Notes for the week of November 4

Getting To Know Each Other

- What is one skill you secretly possess? What underdeveloped skill, that you are aware of, could grow if you devoted some time in that area?
- What is one piece of advice, you were given as a child, that you remember today?

Into the Bible

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-20

- How aware (or ignorant) are you about your spiritual gift set that God gave you?
- In verse 7, who receives a spiritual gift?
- In verse 11, who determines who gets what gift?
- What would you call people who have missing body parts? What about in the Church?
- What is the greatest gift we can receive and practice? See 1 Corinthians 13:13 and 14:1
- Application: What spiritual gift has God given you? Where are you using it?
- Application: How do you show love to your church family?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-20

- What is the most important fact in life?
- In verses 12-14, what false teaching is being shared with the Corinthians?
- What would be the consequences for us if Jesus never rose from the dead?
- Application: How should you live your life differently because Jesus rose from the dead?
- Application: What evidence can you offer that Christ is alive in your life?

Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-4, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

- From verses 1-4, can you determine the reason the church is collecting offerings?
- What are three things that Paul teaches the church about taking up offerings? See v. 2
- In 2 Corinthians 9, how is giving to the church like farming?
- How should we give and not give? See verse 7
- What does it mean for us to "decide in your heart to give"?
- Application: Have you decided to tithe or give generously to the church? To other causes? When did you decide? Was there someone who was an example for you?
- Application: When you give, do you give to God first or give Him left-overs?

Read 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

- What is this problem in the Corinthian church?
- What is the purpose of celebrating the Lord's Supper? Verses 23-26
- How do you prepare or examine yourself before taking communion?
- Application: Have you observed other methods of taking communion in other churches you have attended?
- Application: Is taking communion a spiritual benefit for you? Why? Why not?