

LEADERS

Please take a moment to praise God for new SG's starting (5-8 in the next month) and pray for new leaders and new rosters, for God to be glorified and much growth in discipleship.

LEARN

Read 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 together. What stands out in the text and from Sunday's sermon as helpful, encouraging or challenging?

Why does Paul need to tell the Corinthians to be watchful and how does still applies to us today? (They had fallen asleep, being driven by false teaching and worldly wisdom. We need to be watchful of what we personally believe and teach, and discerning of false teaching penetrating the church.)

How would you biblically define "courageous maturity" as a Christian?

(Ex: Not afraid of worldly opposition. Of good courage, spiritually mature in understanding and behavior. Infants in evil, mature in doctrine, not swayed by pagan societal pressure.)

What does it mean to "be strong"? What should we be strong in, or strong against?

(Literally, be strengthened is in the passive form. Be strengthened in the inner man, have a strong spirit. Be strong in the Lord, against Satan and his tactics/lies, in contentment, in good works. Receive spiritual strength from the Holy Spirit, the strength giver.)

PRACTICE

How do you practice being watchful as a Christian? How do we tell the difference between being watchful in a mature way versus having an immature cynical, critical spirit?

(Ex: Know the truth well enough to identify lies. Understand that behind various movements and ideologies is godless worldviews, idolatry, spiritual darkness. Mature watchfulness seeks to build up through truth. Cynical immaturity tears down with an argumentative spirit.)

How does someone stand firm in the faith today? What are some markers or indicators to look for that someone is... or isn't... standing firm in the faith?

(Ex: Stay anchored to the Word, do not move beyond the gospel but grow in depth of understanding of it. Do not apologize for God's Truth in a world filled with lies, corruption, pride, and fear.)

How can you participate in Doxa being a church that does everything in love?

Prayer idea: Pray together, that personally and as a church we obey all 5 commands in v. 13-14.

CHANGE

Thinking of your closest relationships (family, friends, church), how are you doing in obeying verse 14? What needs to change so that you are more consistently doing all that you do in love?

(Anyone could say "not that well". The goal is moving to specific issues of the heart that need to change through repentance so that our responses are in love at all times.)