

The Sermon on the Mount Application / Week 7 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Intimacy with God and others is only developed through honesty.

- Where has the Holy Spirit been convicting you this week to be more honest in your relationships? What do you see as the main reason that you need to embrace honesty with your sin?
- Has God said "let there be light" in your soul (vs. 5-6)? Have you ever taken this initial step of submission to Christ as Lord of your life?
- Paul the Apostle sees Christ as completely sufficient for all of us in every aspect of life. Will you pray that you can see the sufficiency of Christ in order to honor him and so that you may begin to confess your sins to one another?
- Who is your safe "one another" that you can confess your sins to (James 5:16)?
- Confession of sin is very scary. Exposing darkness in our lives can be humiliating and even cause great difficulty in our lives. So what does the Scripture say is the benefit of confession and repentance? Will you believe this?
- Why do you think that brokenness and humility are honorable traits to God yet viewed as negative attributes to us as humans?
- In order to really live, we have to die to self. Where specifically do you need to die to self? Remember Christ is truly the one that gives life.
- Will you be honest about where you are broken, trusting God to bring healing?
- Paul says that when he is weak, that is when Christ is strong (2 Cor. 12:9-10). Will you trust God's strength in you and not fear the opinion of others as you confess and repent?
- Authentic living gives clarity to our purpose allowing us to say I'm not perfect, but allowing the One who is to live through us.

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:17