

## A Strong-Man in an Unstable World! ... *1Corinthians 1:1-9*

*“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence, by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.”*  
 ...*2Peter 1:3-4 (ESV)*

### 1. We are ***Called***... *Our Purpose and Identity!*

Scripture... *1Corinthians 1:2*

### 2. We are ***Together***... *It's Family...like it or not!*

Scripture... *1Corinthians 1:2*

### 3. We are ***Equipped***... *Given Everything we Need!*

Scripture... *1Corinthians 1:4-7, 2Peter 1:3-4*

- Equipped by the **Holy Spirit**... *1Corinthians 10:12-13*
- Equipped by the **Freedom from Sin**... *Romans 6:6-7, Ephesians 4:20-24, Romans 12:1-2*
- Equipped with a **New Identity**... *2Corinthians 5:17, Romans 8:12-17, Galatians 4:4-7*

### *A Reminder from a few weeks back...*

*Our New Spiritual DNA:* His \_\_\_\_\_ has given us His \_\_\_\_\_  
 ...equipping us to be like Him and “escape from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire”.

### 4. We are ***Redeemed***... *Know it! ...Act like it! ...Live like it!!*

Scripture... *1Corinthians 1:8-9, 1Corinthians 15:58, 1Corinthians 16:13-14*

## Group Discussion

1. How is your life influenced by our current society, the cultural environment we live in, and the people in your life? Name 3-5 ways, or areas of your life...that you are detrimentally influenced by our culture and society...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

2. Identify 3-5 areas of your life, and/or personality (choices, behavior, the way you speak or interact with others) that you sincerely want to see changed for the better in your life. ...*be honest and transparent!*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

- Identify the barriers you can see that prevent that change for the better...

3. Share your identified "barriers" with your Group, and ask the Group Members to speak into your life regarding some of the steps and choices that you need to make to move forward in Growing/Improving/Changing/Transforming

4. **READ 2Peter 1:3-4 and 1Corinthians 1:4-9 together...** What do these verses tell us regarding how the Lord has equipped us to realistically and practically live a new life...no longer controlled by sin?

5. Give an example of how each of the **5 Principles for the Christian Man** can look in your life, and describe the effect each one can have if applied sincerely on a daily, or regular basis...

- Prayer (*Active Relationship with the Lord Jesus*)...
- God's Word (*Growing Knowledge and Understanding of God's Word*)...
- Worship (*Adoration, Thanksgiving, and Praise to the Lord*)...
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability with other Men of God*)...
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief, Stepping into the Lives of Others*)...

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

*(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)*

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

*Discuss your answer with your group...*

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)