

## **BCC Connection Group Questions: November 19, 2023 (Week 11) |**

### **Sermon Series: “Core Culture”**

**READ:** *Acts 2:41-47, 1 Corinthians 16:1-4, 2 Corinthians 8:4, 16-19, Matthew 20:25-28*

#### **OPEN:**

- How was your week? Briefly share what you are thankful for in your life.
- If the Apostle Paul were alive today, what kind of letter would he write to Bridge City Church?

#### **BIG IDEA:**

- An authentic Christian culture is based on people who:
  - 1) Offer their lives to God
  - 2) Offer their lives to one another
  - 3) Offer their resources to God, for others

#### **DIG:**

\*Read: Acts 2:41-42

- How did the early church grow by three thousand that day according to this verse?
  - In Acts 2:46-47, what was it that the people liked about this group of believers? What drew them together in the LORD? (Teacher’s Note: Authenticity, Reproduce the teachings of Jesus, etc.)
  - Core culture is demonstrated by serving, sacrifice, and sharing. Why were these three traits important for the early Church then and why is it important for the Church now in 2023?
  - 2 Corinthians 8:4 mentions the word ‘fellowship’ which in comes from the Bible word Koinonia meaning “shared in a common” or “partnership” “fellowship with God and fellow Christians”. How does koinonia fellowship help others grow in ministry?
  - 2 Corinthians 8:4 says, “Show them your love, and prove to all the churches that our boasting about you is justified.” What is the Apostle Paul asking the church in Corinth to do? (Teacher’s Note: He is imploring them to give out of the relationship and heart from God and to one another)
  - Discuss why selflessness and sacrificial service is an issue of the heart.
  - Discuss this quote: “Christian character reproduces, challenges, and proves good character in others.”
- \* Read: Luke 8:1-3
- What were the people giving for in this passage? (Teacher’s Note: People to be

ministered to)

- What was the attitude of the heart of the twelve and the three women?
- IN Matthew 20:25-28, Jesus was demonstrating and saying that serving, sacrifice, and giving our life away is the way we do it. Why is this important for believers and for the Church to live out?

**REFLECT:**

- Is my service representative of Jesus? Is my attitude and life one of sacrifice?
- Is my giving to tithes and offerings representative of my relationship and faith in and with God?
- What has the Holy Spirit revealed to you today that you can apply to your faith?

**VISION OPPS:**

**Leadership Connection** – Saturday, December 2, 9-11:30 am at WO Campus; lunch to follow

This time is for all leaders, and anyone who is interested in becoming a leader. Pastor Rick will be sharing vision, encouragement and practical tips for leading teams and groups; lunch will follow

**Child Dedications** – We will be dedicating children on Sunday, December 17; if you would like to dedicate your child, please register online or stop by the Connection Point