

warm up

1. What talent do you wish you had?
2. Share one thing about Heaven that you are most looking forward to.

digging deeper

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you? Anything you hoped we could briefly talk about as a group?
2. We live in a very individualistic society in which many of us function as if we're independent from those around us. The New Testament paints a much different picture of what it means to be a part of God's family. Read 1 Corinthians 12:14-27. Paul uses the human body as an analogy of how Christians are to relate to one another. What are some of the things that capture your attention in these verses?
  - Can you think of ways you've benefited from others faithfully playing their roles?
  - Can you think of any examples of how the Body of Christ might be hindered when someone isn't willing to play their role?

3. Most of us have had to live with the painful consequences of other people's bad or sinful decisions. What consequences have you had to live with that came as a result of someone else? How could the following verses help someone who is facing this kind of situation?
  - Romans 5:3-4
  - 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
  - 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
  - Colossians 3:12,13

What is most challenging to you about applying the principles in these verses in your life?

4. None of us like admitting we're too close to or living in Sodom, as Lot was. What hope and direction do the following verses give us to "flee" and "not turn back"?
  - Proverbs 18:12
  - James 5:16
  - Hebrews 4:14-16
  - James 4:4-10
  - 1 John 2:15-17

Which of these verses is most important for you to remember?

taking it home

1. What does it mean to be an "undercover" Christian? How is this way of living a lot more destructive than we might think? (Read Matthew 5:13-16). In what ways do you plan to be less "undercover" this week?
2. What does it mean to be an influencer of the world rather than being influenced?