Connect Group 11-10-13

Welcome

Opening Question: What is a memorable birthday gift you have received? OR, What was your best subject in school?

Worship

Word

Read 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 and answer the following questions.

1) Who is writing the letter? Who is it to?
2) How does Paul describe the church in verse 2? What stands out to you?
3) What do you think it means to be called holy people? What is the difference between a holiness found in Jesus and what people mistakenly think that holiness is?
4) What things is Paul thankful for? What blessing and gifts has God given the church at Corinth?
5) What does it mean that the church doesn't lack any spiritual gift?
6) How can our different gifts be a blessing to one another (and to our mission as the church)?
7) How does Paul remind the Corinthian church of their security in Christ? What is the significance of knowing our salvation comes from Christ and is kept secure by Christ?
8) Read 2 Timothy 2:13. What does this verse say about our security?

Digging Deeper:

1) How can you benefit by looking back to see the work that God has done in your life?
2) Why is it important to rely on God's power and faithfulness instead of simply trying harder?
3) Given that the church is supposed to be a body, what is the danger of putting too much pressure on one person (or small group of people) to do all the ministry?
4) What are some of the various giftings of members of this group?
5) If you were writing a letter to EBC, what things would you thank God for?
6) What future promises are you looking forward to?

Works

Pray for one another and the unsaved people in your life.