***Such were some of you* Summary**

1 Corinthians 6: 11, *“And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.”*

Through the founding of the church of Corinth, Dr. Kingsbury explains the Biblical basis to reaching the addicted in your community. As you read this book or listen to his sermon, you’ll find several important traits we need to posses in order to effectively reach the addicted for Christ.

1. You will need to learn **cooperation.**

Cooperation is vital as you begin to work together with other key people within your church or other RU Programs.The Bible tells us that when Paul first came to Corinth, he began working with Aquila and Priscilla as tentmakers. Later on he worked alongside of Timothy, Titus, and other laymen in the founding of the church of Corinth

**With whom do we need to cooperate with?**

We must first learn to cooperate with a **local church** pastor. It is important to get your student involved in a local New Testament Church. There is where they will find the support necessary to help them overcome their strongholds and addictions. Often times, people do not cooperate with one another due to pride or a stubborn habit called co-dependency. Several years ago, Dr. Crabb and I wrote a book called *Co–Dependency, the help that hurts*; I believe this book would be a tremendous resource for you. The root of co-dependency is when we put man in the place of God. This is seen frequently in the health care industry with emergency personnel; however, it is also seen in our local churches. People are more focused on getting a pat on the back and the praise of man rather than doing things for the glory of God. Unfortunately, this type of co-dependency can become a real stumbling block for the individuals involved. The truth is, I am no one’s savior and neither are you. We must learn to point them to the only Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Let’s work on being cooperative, and point them to someone who can also help.

Secondly, we need to learn to cooperate with other **Christians** whether it is in the church, or those within your RU program. It is important to realize that when a student is gaining and maintaining ground as they overcome their addiction that they are also learning to grasp the truths found in God’s Word. Though we are seeking to help the addict, we must not forget about their family and friends. Cooperation is important not only with the Pastor, but also with family and friends involved. As a sponsor there may be opportunities that you’ll have to impact not only in the addict’s life, but also those they interact with.

1. You will need to possess **compassion**.

Compassion is entering into the sufferings of someone else. Paul had compassion for people to hear the gospel and for their lives to be changed .The Bible says in Acts 18:6b, “…*from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.”* Paul had compassion for people to hear the gospel and to be transformed. As a sponsor you need to have that same kind of compassion. God’s placed His love within our hearts and we need to demonstrate the love God gave us to others – even when they least deserve it. By showing compassion to others we will begin to see the impact you can have on their life.

**Who needs compassion?**

The **ignorant** - people that didn’t grow up quite like you or me, people that didn’t have the opportunities we had, people who weren’t taught what we were taught. We need compassion for those that are **out of the way**. Maybe it was a friend that led them down the wrong path or an older brother or sister who influenced them to do wrong. There are a lot of people in our world today that lead people astray, yet we need sponsors who will have compassion to guide them on the right path. We need compassion on **those bound by infirmity**. The word infirmity in the Bible means **feebleness of mind, will or emotions.** There are some people that through their addictive lifestyle have distorted their ability to think properly. As a result, this causes their will and emotions to be in disarray due to the error they find themselves in. As the sponsor, you have an incredible opportunity to show compassion and make that difference in their life.

1. You will need **creativity - Acts 13:1, 14:1, 17:1,** and **18:4.**

When it comes to ministering to your student, being creative is key. For example, be creative in the times you meet with your student. For some, this may be during a Friday night RU class, while for others, it may be before or after a church service or at a coffee shop. If your student does not attend a church, invite them to attend church with you! We also recommend that you to find a time to log in online and watch a live RU class together. Be creative in connecting with them – accountability is important! If your student is involved in social media such as email, Facebook, or texting, this may be a good way to connect with them throughout the week to encourage them.

1. You will need **courage** - courage that only comes from the Lord.

In Acts 18:9-10 the Bible says, *“Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.”* As the sponsor you need to have courage to address issues that may be hard. But, remember there is a balance...yes, we need to give them truth; but we also need to show them mercy. According to the Bible by mercy and truth iniquity is purged. You **must** show mercy. If you give your student six things to do and they only come back with two done, this is a wonderful opportunity for you to praise them for getting those two things done. Then, encourage them to try and get four things done next week. Make sure that you are expressing a good balance between mercy and truth. Dr. Kingsbury wrote a book called *Mercy and Truth* that may benefit you in this area of ministering to your student.

1. You will need **continuance.** It takes time to see a person’s life transform.

Acts 18:11 says, *“And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.”* This is not an overnight task. It is not a sprint, but a marathon. There have been people that my wife has spent years investing in that have walked away from the truth they know, but she continues to love them, pray for them, seek them out, and tries to point them back to the Truth.