

## Orphan Care Weekend

Pastors Donny Abbot & Brent Phillips

1 Corinthians 13:1-7, Luke 7:36-50

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*The following questions are intended to use in discussion and application of the past week's sermon.*

#### **Listening**

What part of the sermon was most helpful to you or challenged you to think and/or live differently? How will you apply this message to your life?

#### **Engaging**

Pastor Brent Phillips said, "We don't want to build a Ugandan culture or a U.S. culture – we want to build a Kingdom culture." What are some distinctions in that? How do we know when we're actually doing it (and when we're not)?

Read the Luke passage (7:36-50) together. We can fill our lives with all kinds of religious activity and knowledge, and somehow still miss the heart of faith. What is it that keeps us pursuing the legalistic aspects at the expense of the intimate and loving aspects?

#### **Applying**

Pastors Donny and Brent met several decades ago through a pool service employment opportunity that has developed into powerful ministry and fruit. What relationships are around you that you have been praying (or maybe need to be praying) would have a long-term impact similar to that?

On special weekends like this, we always say that while God may or may not be calling you to respond to orphan care efforts in some specific way, it is not optional for followers of Jesus to not care. Having said that, what might sharing the heart of God for those finding themselves in orphan situations (locally and/or globally) look like for you?

#### **Praying**

In light of this message and discussion:

How can we pray for each other? Where do you feel challenged or convicted?

What can we praise God for? How can we pray for our church?