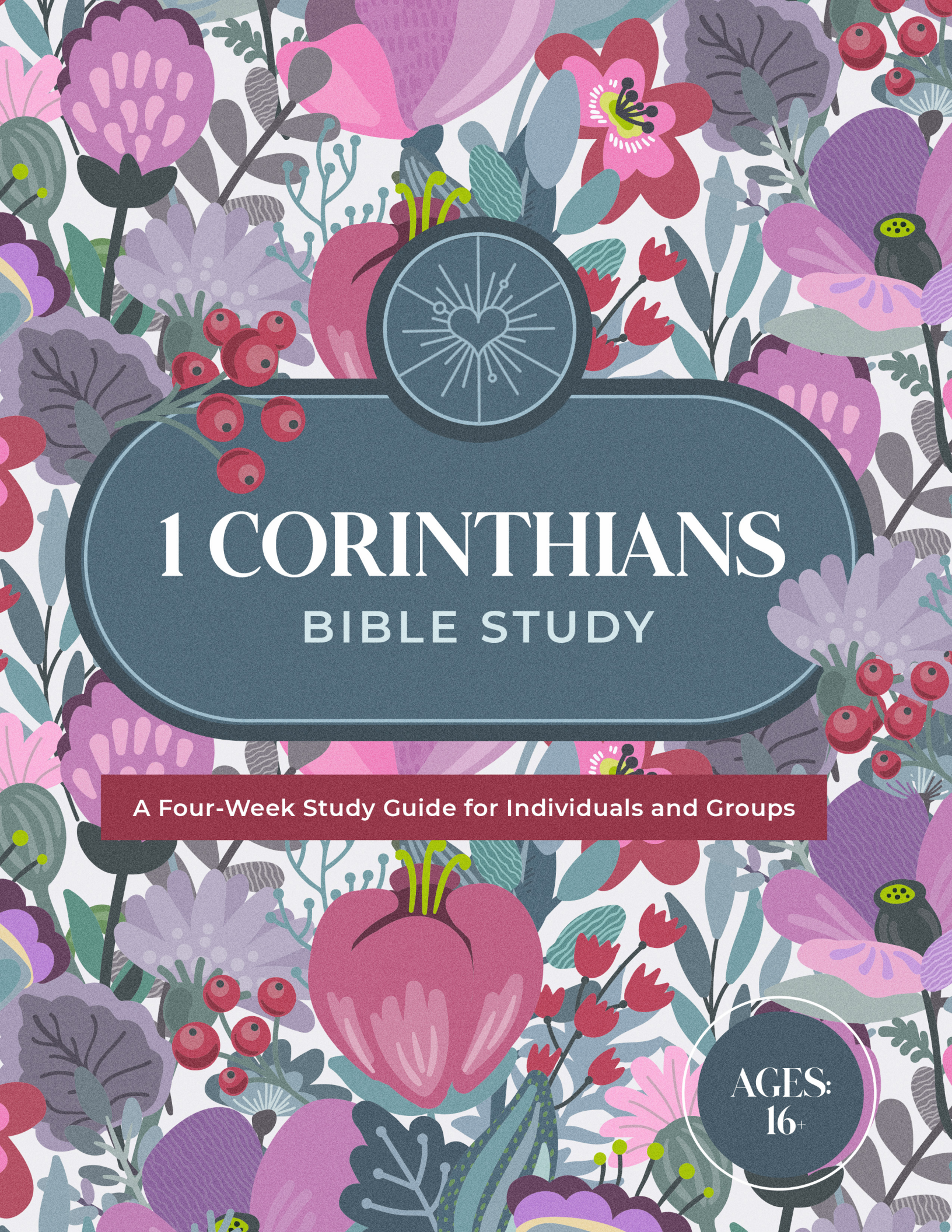




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INTRODUCTION

WELCOME to this one-month study on the Book of 1 Corinthians for group or individual learning. Herein are many important facts about one of the most popular books in the New Testament—its background, purpose, most famous scripture verses, and a daily study to help you navigate with ease and enjoyment.

Why 1 Corinthians Is So Beloved

The Book of 1 Corinthians was written by Apostle Paul while he was staying in Ephesus, after having spent a year and a half in the city of Corinth. The Corinthians had been Paul's most intense group yet! Full of diversity and fast-moving crowds, Corinth caused a lot of problems early on but ended up increasing Paul's joy after several letters of correction.

The Corinthians were doing a couple of things that were discouraging Paul. He actually wrote them four letters trying to correct their behavior and eventually to congratulate them on their growth. Two of the letters were lost to history, but two that remain make up 1 and 2 Corinthians!

So, what exactly were these new converts doing? Answer: Many of the same things that happen in the modern world today! First, Corinth had a case of sexual immorality: incest. They did not see the harm that could follow if they embraced unacceptable behaviors. But Paul provided warnings to the people of Corinth, beginning in Chapter 5, using practical comparisons such as, "a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough." Secondly, the Corinthians were also trying to establish spiritual superiority among each other based on who had baptized them (as if that would make a difference).

Many of Paul's corrections and warnings can be applied to similar situations today.

How this Study of 1 Corinthians Works

Each of the 16 chapters in 1 Corinthians will encompass one day's study topic. There are also three days that cover a background to the book that you won't want to miss. You will have six days of study each week, with one of those days dedicated to the Week in Review section, for a total of 24 days of study. If you prefer five days of study per week, feel free to divide each week's review section between those five days instead.

Despite all its comprehensive materials, the study is neither difficult nor terribly time consuming. A day's work can be done in half an hour, but it can take up to an hour, depending on how much time you'd like to give to the Application Questions about that

day's chapter. The study is designed to be highly individualized, good for small groups, but also fine for an individual just looking to improve their knowledge base.

What's to Be Done Each Day?

Our Table of Contents, preceding this intro, shows the comprehensive list of chapters that will be covered in the course. Each day of the month-long study is clearly marked so that you'll always know where to pick up.

Each day you will complete the following mini-segments:

- **DAILY READING:** You will read either one chapter a session or one of the three additions.
- **SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS:** You'll be given six questions that require either filling in the blanks, picking a multiple-choice answer, or answering true/false. This extra gleaning will reinforce the material you read that day. Each verse is provided where the answer can be found, and the answers are also included for the short answers.
- **APPLICATION QUESTIONS:** You'll receive either two or three of these longer questions daily, which require more thought and written answers. These are often an effort to get students to think of the passage in terms of how it affects them in postmodern times. These are highly subjective, so they don't come with answers, but you'll find some are covered in the ANSWERS section under APPLICATIONS HELP. Some questions will not require any help while others will contain prompts, explanations, or further information.
- **FURTHER READING:** Here scriptures are presented as recommended reading on one of the subjects covered in the day's chapter. The readings often include one passage from the Old Testament and one from the New. But sometimes both Further Reading passages are from the New Testament as Apostle Paul is busy with concepts that are new to the converts.
- **ANSWERS & HELP:** The Short-Answer Questions are answered here, along with bits of insight on answering the Application Questions.

What Are the MOST POPULAR VERSES, and What TRANSLATION OF THE BIBLE Do You Use?

We try to create studies to be used alongside any translation of the Bible. Nonetheless, we gravitate to the two most popular so as to keep with common language to examine difficult constructs. This study was created using the NIV (New International Version) and the KJV (King James Version).

The most popular scripture verses are derived by software that ranks each Bible verse by the number of times it is searched on popular websites.

With just a little time each day this month, you will have a wonderful opportunity to know well the Book of 1 Corinthians. By the end of the month, you will have a much better idea of what we believe and how to respond to Jesus in daily living.

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Intro and 1 Corinthians 1-3



WEEK 1

INTRODUCTION TO 1 CORINTHIANS

Let's look at the big picture of church history and see how the Church of Corinth played an important early role. Below are some Frequently Asked Questions about 1 Corinthians. Study this material and answer questions in the Week-in-Review, Introductory Day 1 Quiz. What is below will help you know the background of this book and where it fits in the context of history, in the author's intentions, and in its most foundational messages.

BOOK FACTS

Order in New Testament:

7

Number of Chapters:

16

Type:

Epistle / Pauline

When Written:

60-61 AD

Where Written:

City of Ephesus

When Written:

54-55 AD.

*See Question 3 of the FAQ below
for further insight.*

Author:

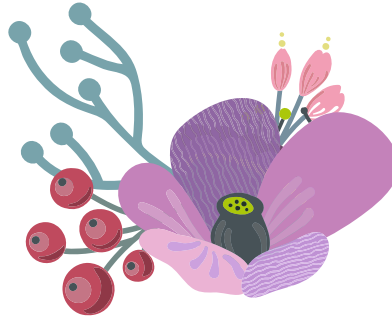
Apostle Paul

1 CORINTHIANS FAQ

- 1. What was Corinth like at the time Paul visited and wrote to the Corinthians?** Corinth was a very busy seaport in South-Central Greece, catering to a diverse base of ethnicities and occupations. It was a prosperous city but also known for its immorality.
- 2. What happened when Paul visited?** Paul came there from Athens. In Corinth he met Aquila and Priscilla (see Acts 18), and he worked with them in the tentmaking trade, which he had learned earlier in life. His reason for working was to earn his own money while preaching the gospel there.
- 3. Is Corinth where Paul decided to speak almost exclusively to the Gentiles?** Yes, according to Acts 18. Paul preached in the synagogue every week, and when the Jews would not respond, Paul took the message to the Gentiles as he felt the Lord guiding him. His work in Corinth resulted in the salvation of both Jews and Gentiles. Hence, the church in Corinth was made up of both.
- 4. How long did Paul stay in Corinth?** Paul ministered in Corinth for about a year and a half.

1 CORINTHIANS FAQ

5. **Are we certain Paul actually wrote this book?** While some epistles raise the question of authorship, 1 Corinthians is not one of them. It is widely accepted that Apostle Paul wrote this book. Within a few decades of its origin this letter was known by Clement, Bishop of Rome, and it was considered divinely inspired.
6. **Why did Paul write 1 Corinthians?** After moving on from Corinth, Paul received word that the believers were arguing. This word came through people associated with one of its members, a person named Chloe. First Corinthians addresses reports that Paul received from Chloe's household, as well as a letter he received from the church itself.
7. **What was the nature of the quarrels Paul addressed in 1 Corinthians?** With the great diversity of people pouring into that church, it should be considered quite normal that people would see things from different perspectives. However, the people were making claims of spiritual superiority over one another, suing one another in public courts, abusing the communal meal, and allowing for perverse sexual misbehavior among members.
8. **Does the letter break down into parts?** The letter contains a fairly intense discussion. The New International Version breaks the letter down as follows (many chapters are broken down into their own segments as well):
 1. Quarreling and divisiveness
 2. Sexual immorality
 3. Lawsuits between believers
 4. The benefits of marriage and singleness
 5. Freedom in Christ
 6. How to worship
 7. The meaning of the Lord's Supper
 8. The proper uses of spiritual gifts
 9. Paul closed with a great teaching on the Resurrection
9. **Is it true that Paul wrote more than two letters to the Corinthians?** Yes, this is true. Two other letters were lost. One is mentioned in 1 Corinthians 5:9, having been written before what we now call 1 Corinthians. The other lost letter was written between 1 and 2 Corinthians. They all dealt with tough issues aimed at Paul or the Corinthians.
10. **How did the Corinthians respond to the letter that we now know as 1 Corinthians?** The letter could be considered strongly worded and full of remonstrance in comparison to other epistles. Eventually many in Corinth repented, but not before exposing Paul to a series of painful events that involved heresy, the slandering of Paul's character, and creating doubt about his apostleship. The majority, however, repented. There is some evidence that Paul may have made another trip to Corinth after writing 2 Corinthians., but he didn't journal or attempt to write to them again.

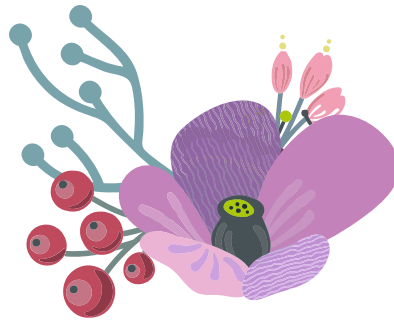


INTRODUCING APOSTLE PAUL

Study this material and answer questions in the Week-in-Review, the quiz covering the Day 2 material. Apostle Paul wrote not only both the Corinthian texts but he authored 13 epistles in the New Testament altogether. An epistle is another word for “letter.” Most of the New Testament books that aren’t one of the Gospel contain epistles or letters from a person who was considered to be called by God to help form the early Church. Hence, Paul is an author whose history is worth knowing! Here are some interesting facts about the Apostle Paul:

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- 1. What Paul wrote:** Paul wrote the following 13 epistles: Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon. It is also known that he wrote the Corinthians two additional letters that were lost to history.
 - 2. The epistles’ special name:** Paul’s epistles are considered so special that they have their own name: the Pauline Epistles.
 - 3. The probable dates of Paul’s writings:** The first book Paul wrote was likely 1 Thessalonians, around 51 AD. The last book was probably 2 Timothy, around 66 AD for a total of 15 years of writing. (The books in the New Testament are not presented in the order in which they are written!) First Corinthians was written around 54-55 AD.
 - 4. Paul’s relationship with Jesus:** Paul’s relationship with Jesus must have been intense, even though he was not called by the Lord until after the Ascension. We have no record that Paul met Jesus in person at all during His three-year ministry. Paul was a Pharisee, and considered an enemy of the budding Church until the moment he was called, which is recorded in Acts 9. This was not a case where a learned Jewish scholar was displeased with his life and looking to make changes. Paul’s calling to the ministry involved several miracles, including hearing the voice of the Lord.
 - 5. Paul’s life and conversion experience:** Paul was born Saul of Tarsus, a very educated Jew, who was persecuting believers after the Crucifixion. He “met Christ” while he and three friends were walking on the road to Damascus. He saw a bright light in the sky that blinded him, and Christ asked him, “Why are you persecuting me?” His friends saw the light but heard nothing. Paul’s sight was restored to him after three days spent with believers.

- 6. Paul's missionary journeys:** Paul completed three missionary journeys that covered most of the known Western world of the time. He was imprisoned several times, which included two years under house arrest in Rome, where he wrote several of the epistles mentioned above.
- 7. Paul's death:** Paul was martyred in Rome. Most believe he was run through with a sword.
- 8. Unusual places this author wrote:** Paul wrote four of the New Testament epistles when he was under house arrest for two years in Rome. They include Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. This two-year house arrest is thought to have been from 60–62 AD.
- 9. Unusual circumstances under which this author wrote:** Paul was an enemy of believers after Christ's death and helped put them to death. This makes his testimony about seeing a vision of Jesus on the road to Damascus even more meaningful. If Jesus could forgive a person who tried to kill His followers—and if Jesus could make that person one of His foremost witnesses—that shows the greatness of God's love.



CHAPTER 1: THE CROSS IS THE POWER OF GOD

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 1

"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."
1 Corinthians 1:18

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 True/False: Paul wants there to be no division among those in the Church (v. 10)
- 02 In verse 18, Paul says that the message of the cross is the _____ of God to those who are being saved.
- 03 In verse 19, Paul says God will _____ the wisdom of the wise.
- 04 Verse 20 says that God has made _____ the wisdom of the world.
- 05 Paul says that Christ is the _____ of God and the _____ of God (v. 24).
- 06 In verse 27, Paul says that God chooses the _____ and _____ things of the world.

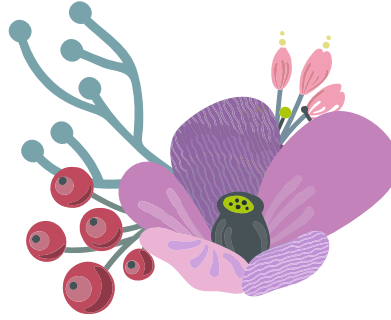
APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 01** Think of a sin or weakness in your life that you sometimes feel you may never master. Review verse 8. How does the message help you see hope and your future with Christ more clearly?

- 02** Why is it so important for Christians to be unified, as outlined in verse 10? What might the world think when it sees Christians arguing, especially about important matters?

- 03** In our culture, we are pulled in opposing directions between education and spiritual maturity. How can people raise children to be diligent in school, despite the fact that spiritual maturity and understanding may not be calculated by grades?

Further reading on the importance of unity: [1 Peter 3:8](#), [Philippians 1:27](#)



CHAPTER 2: WHAT NO EYE HAS SEEN, WHAT NO EAR HAS HEARD...

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 2

"However, as it is written: 'What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived - these things God has prepared for those who love him'"
1 Corinthians 2:9

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 In verse 2, Paul says that he made it a point to know nothing while he was with the Corinthians except _____ and Him _____.
- 02 True/ False: Paul did not want the Corinthians' faith to rest on man's wisdom, but on God's power alone (v. 5)
- 03 In verse 7, Paul says that God destined this mystery for our _____ before the world began.
- 04 True/ False: The Spirit searches the deep things of God and reveals them to God's children (v. 9-10)
- 05 According to verse 12, we have not received the spirit of the _____, but the Spirit of _____.
- 06 Verse 16 says that we have the mind of _____.

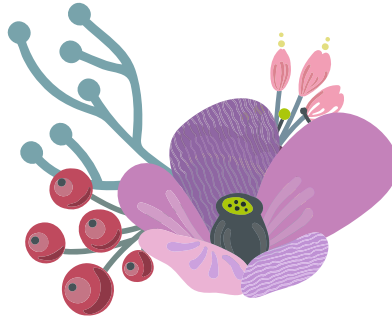
APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 01** Paul implied in verses 1 through 7 that he wanted nothing to do with the teachers in Corinth who were praised their eloquence and/or brilliance. Consider the people who are often admired in the world today. How is this a problem and what might we do to change the situation or our perspective?

- 02** Review verse 9. What does this tell us about how much we should look forward to death (instead of fearing it)? What might be some things we can look forward to experiencing in heaven?

- 03** Look at verses 14-16. Consider your family, friends, or acquaintances who have not yet had a salvation experience. What are some ways they differ from you in their thoughts and actions?

Further reading on earthly wisdom: James 1:5-8, 3:17; 1 John 2:16



CHAPTER 3: UNITY VERSUS DIVISION

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 3

“For when one says, ‘I follow Paul,’ and another, ‘I follow Apollos,’ are
you not mere human beings?”
1 Corinthians 3:4

TEXT QUESTIONS

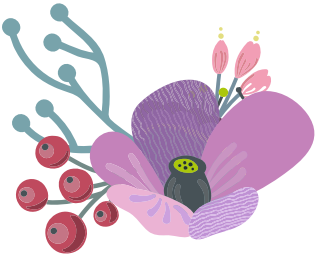
- 01 True/ False: The Corinthian Church was not ready for the deeper things of God (solid food) (v. 2)
- 02 In verse 11, Paul says that there should be no other foundation, other than the one already laid. What is this foundation? _____
- 03 In verse 13, Paul says that everyone’s work will be tested by this: _____
- 04 According to verse 16, we are the _____ of God.
- 05 In verse 17, Paul says that the temple is _____, and God will _____ those that defile it.
- 06 In verse 18, Paul says that those who think they are wise by this world’s standards, should actually become _____ so that they may be wise.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

01 Look again at verses 1-3. Reflect on your journey of faith. How have you grown over time? And how can you continue in making your faith grow?

02 Look at verse 4. We have so many denominations within Christianity, from Seventh Day Adventists to Assemblies of God, to Methodists. How can we do better at forming names and bodies of believers that are about unity rather than division?

Further reading on unity: Psalm 133:1, Ephesians 4:1-6

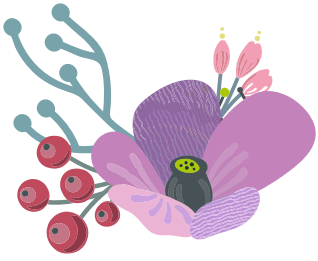


WEEK ONE IN REVIEW

Fill in the answers to the material presented on Week 1, Day 1:
Introduction to the Corinthians

INTRODUCTORY DAY 1 QUIZ

1. True/False: 1 Corinthians is a Pauline Epistle.
2. True/False: Paul wrote 1 Corinthians in the city of Ephesus.
3. The book was likely written in one of these two years: _____
4. Corinth was a very busy seaport in this country: _____
5. A huge change to Paul's expected ministry occurred in Corinth. He began speaking both to Jews and _____.
6. Acts 18 tells of Paul meeting famous saints in Corinth. Their names were _____ and _____.
7. Paul ministered in Corinth for about this long: _____
8. Paul wrote 1 Corinthians to halt these two primary wrongdoings: _____ and _____
9. Paul closes this letter with a great teaching on this event: _____



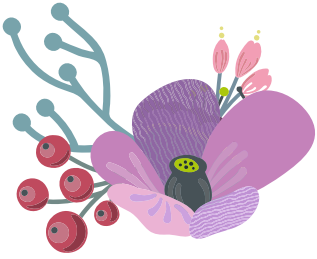
WEEK ONE IN REVIEW

Fill in the answers to the material presented on Week 1, Day 2:
Introducing Apostle Paul

DAY 2 QUIZ ON THE LIFE OF APOSTLE PAUL

1. How many epistles did Apostle Paul write? _____
2. The epistles written by Paul have their own special name, which is _____.
3. The first epistle to be written by Paul was most likely _____.
4. Paul's writing career, based on the estimated dates of his first and last epistles, lasted about how many years? ____
5. True/False: Paul helped to crucify Jesus, which is why so many people found his conversion unbelievable.
6. Paul's name before his conversion: _____
7. Paul's conversion experience occurred on a road just outside of this famous town that still exists to this day: _____
8. Number of missionary journeys Paul completed: _____
9. Paul was under house arrest in Roman for what is likely this length of time:

10. Where Paul died, likely murdered with a sword: _____



Part 2: Application Questions

Use these Week-In-Review questions for personal growth, group discussion, or both. There are no right or wrong answers, just opportunities to further flesh out the passages of this week and share those insights if possible.

FROM DAY 3

We all trust some worldly wisdom. For example, we usually trust our physicians and the scientists who design cars, airplanes and rockets. We can also trust a parent or other loved one, even though they may not be perfect. What are some examples of untrustworthy worldly wisdom? And how can we avoid giving these sources precedence over God's wisdom, especially when we don't understand all of God's ways?

FROM DAY 4

Paul implied in 1 Corinthians 2:1-7 that he wanted nothing to do with the teachers in Corinth who were respected for their eloquence and/or brilliance. How did Paul's trust in earthly institutions change from his salvation experience and learning from the Holy Spirit? How can we also follow Paul's example?

FROM DAY 6

Review 1 Corinthians 3:12-15. Reflect on the importance and place of good works in God's kingdom. What good works have you performed for other? And how can you continue making good works a priority in your life?



Fill-in-the-Blank Answers

FROM DAY 3

1. True
2. Power
3. Destroy
4. Foolish
5. Power, wisdom
6. Foolish, weak

APPLICATION HELP

We all need to be aware that teaching our young to revere their schooling can seem at odds with a Bible that teaches, clearly, that the most educated find our faith foolish. This means that the wise of this world have a foolish streak. It's important to not present this dichotomy between education and faith as black and white; there's a fine balance between teaching children to respect earthly authority, while recognizing that the Bible is God's ultimate authority.

FROM DAY 4

1. Jesus, crucified
2. True
3. Glory
4. True
5. World, God
6. Christ

APPLICATION HELP

Paul talks about two virtues that come from God with a different version of each coming from the world. These two virtues are power (verses 1-5), and wisdom (verses 6-16). God's and the world's versions of these virtues are quite different. This is one reason why it is so helpful to read the Bible and understand what God actually said, so that you won't mistakenly identify worldly power as godly power, which is a common problem in modern society.

FROM DAY 5

1. True
2. Jesus Christ
3. Fire
4. Temple
5. Sacred/Holy and Destroy
6. Fools

APPLICATION HELP

You can break the chapter down into the following parts to better understand it: Maturity (v. 1-4), Harvesting (v. 5-9), Building (v. 10-17), and Glorifying (v. 18-23). What's remarkable is how, through the Holy Spirit, Paul quickly dismisses any fame he earned in Corinth, as most people would embrace that fame.

FROM DAY 6

Introductory Day 1 Quiz:

1. True
2. True
3. 54-55 AD
4. Greece
5. Gentiles
6. Aquila and Priscilla
7. Year and a half
8. Disunity and sexual scandals (and other issues arising from immaturity)
9. Resurrection

Day 2 Quiz on the Life of Apostle Paul:

1. 13
2. Pauline
3. 1 Thessalonians
4. 15
5. False (Paul helped kill Christians after the Lord's Resurrection and Ascension)
6. Saul (of Tarsus)
7. Damascus
8. Three
9. Two years
10. Rome



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1 Corinthians 4-8



WEEK 2

CHAPTER 4: THE LORD WILL BRING ALL THINGS TO LIGHT

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 4

“Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of people’s hearts. At that time each will receive their praise from God.”

1 Corinthians 4:5

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 In verse 2, Paul says that someone who is entrusted with something, a steward, should be found to be _____.
- 02 True/ False: Paul does not even judge himself, but leaves the judging to God (v. 3-4)
- 03 True/ False: We are not to pass judgment on another’s service to the Lord, but wait until the appointed time, when the Lord Himself comes (v. 5)
- 04 In verse 7, Paul says that no one has anything that they did not _____.
- 05 In verse 10, Paul says that he and the other apostles have become _____ for Christ.
- 06 According to verse 20, the Kingdom of God is not a matter of words, but of _____.

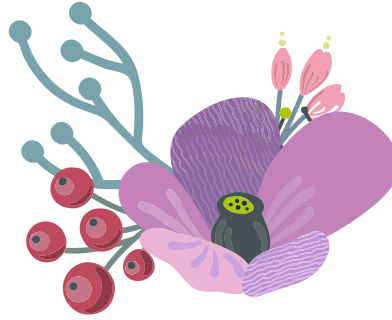
APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 01** Look at verse 2. This verse says that we must “prove faithful.” What are some ways that God puts His closest children to the test? (You can think of someone from your personal life if you have no experiences like this for yourself.)

- 02** In verse 6, Paul uses terms like “puffed up” to describe people who are still self-centered. What are some puffed-up traits or characteristics? How can we avoid them or change those that we are susceptible to?

- 03** Verses 8-12 show Paul using sarcasm several times, a technique in which a remark or expression is made ironically. In which verses is sarcasm very noticeable? And do you find Paul’s sarcasm effective in portraying his point?

Further reading on being puffed up or arrogant: Proverbs 16:18, Philippians 2:3



CHAPTER 5: SEXUAL IMMORALITY

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 5

“Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.”

1 Corinthians 5:8

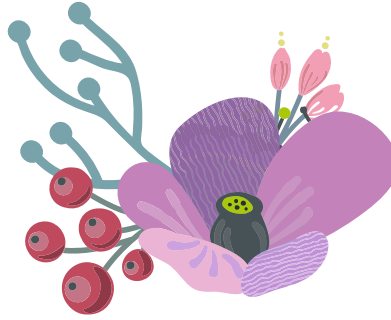
TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 True/ False: Paul is rebuking the Corinthian Church for putting up with sexual immorality (v. 1)
- 02 In verse 5, Paul tells the Corinthians that they should hand the guilty person over to Satan for the destruction of the _____, so that his spirit may be _____ on the Day of the Lord.
- 03 True/ False: Paul tells the Church that a little yeast leavens a whole batch of dough (v. 6).
- 04 In verse 8, Paul says to keep the festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of _____ and _____.
- 05 True/ False: Paul warns the Church not to associate or even eat with another believer who practices sin (v. 11).
- 06 True/ False: Paul says that we are to judge those inside the Church (v 12-13).

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 01** Both 1 Corinthians 5:1-13 and 1 Timothy 1:18-20 share Paul's suggestion of "delivering a person to Satan." Reflect on a time in your own life or a loved one's life when God allowed a person to suffer—often the consequence of actions—so that they would learn from the experience. Why would this be for their benefit?
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- 02** The dynamic at work in verse 6, "a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough," is often seen in school, work, and social settings. In what ways can one person's negative behavior or attitude (gossip, slander, disrespect) affect those around them? How might Paul's counsel help us respond to that behavior?
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- 03** Verse 11 tells us not to associate with certain people. And yet the industrialized world cannot easily oust people from churches or refuse to eat with others. How can we avoid confusion about whether we should to embrace a sinful person or avoid them?
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Further reading on fallen minds/fallen thinking: Colossians 2:8, Proverbs 3:5-6



CHAPTER 6: YOUR BODY NO LONGER BELONGS TO YOU

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 6

"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own..."

1 Corinthians 6:19

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 True/ False: It is okay for two believers to take each other to court. (v. 1-6)
- 02 True/ False: The Lord's people will judge the world and even angels. (v. 2-3)
- 03 In verse 11, what three things does Paul say that we are, in the Name of Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of God? _____, _____ and _____
- 04 True/ False: We shouldn't be mastered by anything. (v. 12)
- 05 According to verse 17, we who are united with the Lord are one with Him in _____.
- 06 According to verse 19, our bodies are _____ of the Holy Spirit.

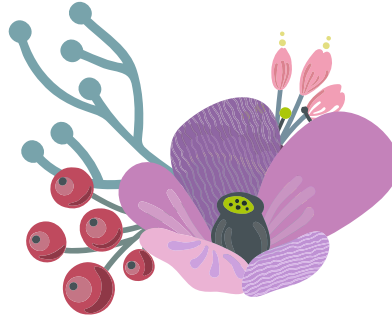
APPLICATION QUESTIONS

01 In the first paragraph, Paul addresses suing a fellow Christian in a government court. Why is peace among Christians so important? What can happen to individuals who see Christians arguing?

02 Paul asks in verse 7 why we should prefer to be cheated or wronged. What might be the benefits of being cheated, rather than the person who has done the cheating?

03 In verse 18, Paul admonishes us to flee sexual immorality. What is sexual immorality and how does it hurt others? Remember, most Old Testament rules were written so men would not hurt each other or hurt God.

Further reading on sexual practices: Hebrews 13:4, Genesis 1:28



CHAPTER 7: CONCERNING MARRIED LIFE

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 7

"But if they cannot control themselves, they should marry, for it is better to marry than to burn with passion."
1 Corinthians 7:9

TEXT QUESTIONS

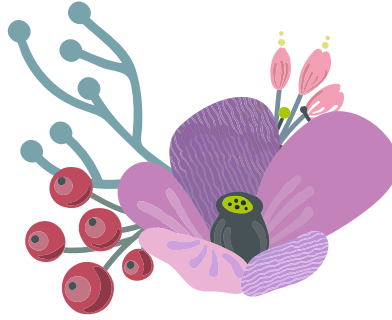
- 01 True/ False: Paul wishes that everyone was like himself. (v. 7)
- 02 True/ False: We should divorce an unbelieving spouse. (v. 12-13)
- 03 According to verse 14, the unbelieving spouse is _____ by the believing spouse and their children are holy.
- 04 Paul says in verse 15 that God has called us to live in _____.
- 05 True/ False: We were bought at a price (v. 23).
- 06 True/ False: If a believer's spouse dies, they are free to marry, but they ought only marry a believer. (v. 39)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 01** Look at verse 14. It seems astonishing that one person could be seen as sanctified based on another person's faith and actions. What does this tell us about the importance of our faith and beliefs? And how God is committed to showing grace to everyone?

- 02** Paul admonishes us, starting in verse 15, to live in peace with as many people as is humanly possible. Think of a time or person that you have felt extremely annoyed and frustrated with. How were you able to let go of those feelings or if needed, consider what you can do to help bring peace to this relationship.

Further reading on the sanctity of marriage: [Genesis 1:27-28, 2:24](#); [Mark 7:20-23](#)



CHAPTER 8: FOODS SACRIFICED TO IDOLS

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 8

"Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become
a stumbling block to the weak."

1 Corinthians 8:9

TEXT QUESTIONS

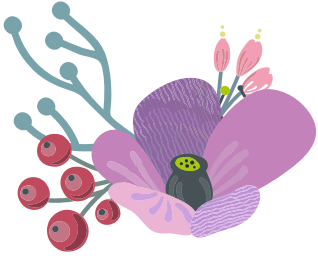
- 01 True/ False: Whoever loves God is known by God. (v. 3)
- 02 According to verse 4, an idol is _____ at all in the world.
- 03 In verse 6, Paul states that there is one God, the Father and there is one Lord _____.
- 04 In verse 9, Paul says that we should never let the exercise of our rights become a _____ to the weak.
- 05 According to verse 12, when we cause another believer to stumble, we are really sinning against _____.
- 06 True/ False: Paul would prefer to never eat meat again if it were to cause his brother or sister to sin. (v. 13)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 01** Verse 1 states that “Knowledge puffs up while love builds up.” Most modern cultures value education (knowledge) far more than looking out for one another (love). What are some things you can do to show love and build up others?

- 02** Read verses 9-13 again, about ways we could make people stumble who are weak in faith. We don’t typically sacrifice to idols anymore, but we all have personal idols that weaken our faith. How can we handle our weaknesses better so that we don’t cause others to stumble?

Further reading on valuing love over knowledge: 1 Corinthians 13:1-2, Colossians 3:14



WEEK TWO IN REVIEW

Use these Week-In-Review questions for personal growth, group discussion, or both. There are no right or wrong answers; just opportunities to further flesh out the passages of this week and share those insights if possible.

FROM DAY 1

Reflect on how God might put your faith to a test to help you grow. Why is testing our faith so important? And how can we respond to such tests so they become opportunities to grow rather than reasons we turn away from God?

FROM DAY 2

Reflect on a situation where you may be convinced you'd be better off keeping company without certain people. How might you avoid being snobbish or hateful toward those you'd like to avoid? What can you do so that these people see you as loving them still?

FROM DAY 3

Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, according to 6:19. Reflect on what this statement may mean for how we treat our bodies. What can you change or start doing that helps you see your body this way?

FROM DAY 4

Some truth seem to be hidden between verses, such as 6:14. We know that God has not given us access to “all truth” in the Bible, just like some parents would not tell all truths to their four-year-old. Why is not important that we know all truth? And what can we do to live by faith, knowing that God has not revealed all things?

FROM DAY 5

In the Most Popular Verse of Day 5, we find this: “Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak” (8:9). Americans tend to be very conscious of their “rights” and go to great lengths to exercise the freedoms those rights grant them. As Christians, how can we prevent ourselves from expressing our rights in selfish way?



Fill-in-the-Blank Answers

FROM DAY 1

1. Faithful
2. True
3. True
4. Receive
5. Fools
6. Power

APPLICATION HELP

It is a beautiful witness when, as Christians, we can smile and give praise during rough times. Some of the world might be able to do this temporarily (some personality types are stronger at this) but Christians can praise God even in tough moments because we see a bigger picture and understand that God is on our side.

Verses 8 and 12 probably contain the most sarcasm (Paul is using language to mean the opposite of what he is saying). When he says, "You have already become rich!" he means that they are still spiritually "poor." When he calls them wise, he means they are foolish, and so forth.

FROM DAY 2

1. True
2. Flesh, saved
3. True
4. Sincerity, truth
5. True
6. True

APPLICATION HELP

The Corinthian culture mirrored ours probably more than any culture outlined among the epistles. The United States and other industrial nations are often very diverse and progressive, as was Corinth.

Some modern Christians may wonder whether Paul's urging of the Corinthians to shun sinful people is still relevant today. After all, shunning someone for sinning may seem extreme. Christian conservatism appropriately shuns those whose sinful behavior is hurtful. The key is avoiding these people with feelings of heartbreak, not snobbery or gossip. We should not feel satisfaction in shunning, but a brokenhearted attitude and hopefulness for their repentant return.

FROM DAY 3

1. False
2. True
3. Washed, sanctified, justified
4. True
5. Spirit
6. Temples

APPLICATION HELP

As for the first question, most people, especially nonbelievers, think of God only in terms of what they see mankind do. If they see Christians hating on each other or trying to get even, it can make them feel like God hates one party or another, and more broadly, that God could hate them.

On sexual immorality: We are often tricked into thinking that people are not hurt by our sins because they don't give any outward indication that we have hurt them. But some hurts only show their wounds over time. People with many breakups will have a hard time trusting and/or seeing significant others clearly. "The heart is like the human leg bone. It's not meant to be broken over and over," a wise man once said.

FROM DAY 4

1. True
2. False
3. Sanctified
4. Peace
5. True
6. True

APPLICATION HELP

Paul gives a lot of instruction in this chapter about sexual behavior and sexual abstinence. We have become a culture that generally avoids discussion of sexual matters, or setting sexual boundaries; we need to remember that it is an important topic that God outlines in the Bible, and we should take note of what He says.

FROM DAY 5

1. True
2. Nothing
3. Jesus Christ
4. Stumbling block
5. Christ
6. True

APPLICATION HELP

We often value education more than love, probably because love can't make us financially rich, and our industrialized world has a fixation on wealth. Jesus adamantly denies that money will make us happy, and we see the results of that all around us. Money can cause initial excitement or alleviate temporary stresses, but it doesn't create lasting joy.



1 CORINTHIANS

1 Corinthians 9-13



WEEK 3

CHAPTER 9: RUN TO GET THE PRIZE

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 9

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize?
Run in such a way as to get the prize."
1 Corinthians 9:24

TEXT QUESTIONS

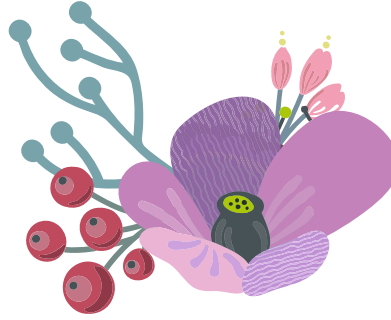
- 01 True/ False: Paul says that the Corinthian believers are the seal of his apostleship in the Lord. (v. 2)
- 02 True/ False: The one who plows and threshes deserves to take part in the harvest. (v. 10)
- 03 In verse 12, Paul says that he would prefer to put up with anything rather than hinder the _____.
- 04 According to verse 14, those who preach the gospel should _____.
- 05 True/ False: Paul was pleased to use his rights as an apostle. (v. 15)
- 06 In verse 21, Paul says that he is under the law of _____.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 01** Paul asserts the right to be supported by those he ministered to, but also the right to refuse it when it might hinder the gospel of Christ. How can we support those who serve in ministering the church, and not just through monetary donations?

- 02** Paul points out in verse 25 that athletes who competed in games and races were under strict dietary and training regimens. How might we use self-discipline to overcome temptation and achieve spiritual self-mastery?

Further reading on wealth inside the ministry: Colossians 2:1-3; Hebrews 13:5, Luke 16:11



CHAPTER 10: TEMPTATIONS ARE COMMON TO US ALL

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 10

"No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to us all. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."

1 Corinthians 10:13

TEXT QUESTIONS

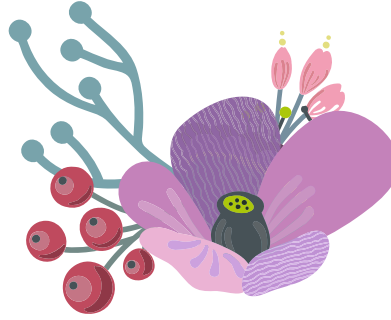
- 01 In verse 4, Paul speaks of a spiritual rock that the Israelites drank from in the wilderness. Who does he say this spiritual rock was? _____
- 02 According to verse 6, the things that happened to the Israelites occurred as examples for us, in order to keep us from setting our hearts on, or, lusting after _____.
- 03 In verse 13, Paul speaks of something that we will go through, that is common to man. What is it? _____
- 04 According to verse 14, what should we flee from? _____
- 05 True/ False: Everything belongs to the Lord. (v. 26)
- 06 In verse 33, Paul says that he does not seek his own good, but the good of others, so they may be _____.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 01** Reflect on some of the crimes committed by the Israelites during the Exodus, described in the Further Reading section below. God had provided miracles daily for these people, yet the people were quick to worship other gods and encouraging brethren to do the same. What can we do to avoid forgetting God and our own miracles so easily?

- 02** How might people be blinded to the truth when they are unable to see men's actions and they are only seeing God's? One example is people seeing God's need for Christ to pay the penalty for sin, while failing to mention that a mob devised and carried out a brutal murder. Why might people see God as "mean and scary" in these cases?

Further reading on the history behind Paul's remarks: Numbers 25:1-9, Exodus 32:19-28



CHAPTER 11: THIS IS MY BODY; THIS IS MY BLOOD

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 11

"For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus,
on the night he was betrayed, took bread..."

1 Corinthians 11:23

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 According to verse 3, the head of every man is _____, and the head of every woman is _____, and the head of Christ is _____.
- 02 Reread verses 1-16. Here, Paul is speaking about a particular code of dress for the Corinthian women. What piece of clothing is Paul is talking about?

- 03 In verse 18, Paul rebukes the Corinthian Church. What is the reason for this rebuke?

- 04 At the Last Supper, when Jesus broke the bread and took the cup, He said, "Do this _____" (v. 25).
- 05 True/ False: Whenever someone takes the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner, they are sinning against the body and blood of the Lord (v. 27).
- 06 According to verse 32, when we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be _____.

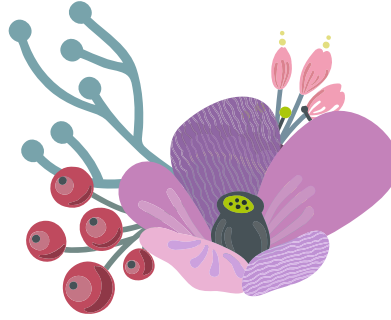
APPLICATION QUESTIONS

01 Consider verses 11-12. In what ways are men and women mutually dependent on each other and meant to work together as they follow the Lord? How can we support gender equality at church?

02 When we take communion, we often forget that we are remembering the Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension. How might imagining ourselves at the Last Supper, eating and drinking with Christ and the apostles, heighten our view of the ritual?

03 Verse 28-30 speaks of taking the body and blood of Christ carefully so we don't invoke judgment on ourselves. How can examine ourselves and put aside self-deception so that we know where we stand with the Lord?

Further reading on the heart and behavior: [Ezekiel 36:26](#), [Jeremiah 17:9-10](#)



CHAPTER 12: THE BODY OF CHRIST IN THE CHURCH

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 12

“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.”
1 Corinthians 12:12

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 In verse 3, what does Paul say that no one can say, except by the Holy Spirit?

- 02 True/ False: The Holy Spirit gives different kinds of gifts. (v. 4-6)
- 03 In verse 12, to whom or what does Paul compare a body, with its different parts?

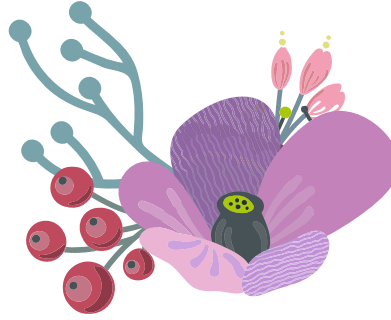
- 04 True/ False: It is okay for there to be division within the body. (v. 25)
- 05 True/ False: Each part of the body should have concern for the others. (v. 25)
- 06 According to verse 27, what are all believers a part of? _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 01** We may find ourselves a bit uncomfortable when confronted by people who are not like us. But God makes us all different. How might a church benefit from both introverts and extroverts in doing the work of the Lord?

- 02** We can be made especially uncomfortable when our differences have been politicized. How might a person with a conservative outlook on the world need a progressive to balance out the agenda (and vice versa)?

Further reading on diversity among believers: James 2:1-26, Romans 14:1-23



1 CORINTHIANS 13: WHAT IS LOVE?

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 13

"If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing."

1 Corinthians 13:2

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 True/ False: Religion and spiritual gifts mean nothing without love. (v. 1-3)
- 02 True/ False: It is possible to give without love. (v. 3)
- 03 According to verse 6, real love rejoices in the _____.
- 04 In verse 8, what three things does Paul say will pass away? _____,
_____, _____
- 05 According to verse 9, we know and prophecy in _____.
- 06 According to verse 13, three things are most important: Faith, love, and _____.

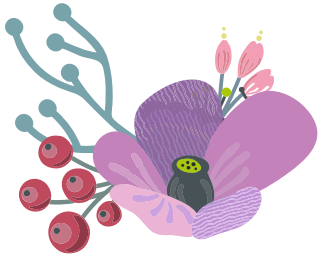
APPLICATION QUESTIONS

01 In verses 4-6, look at all the descriptions of what love does and doesn't do. Which ones stand out to you? What might you do better so that you show love in a more godly manner?

02 This is one of the most popular chapters in the Bible. Why do you think that is?

03 Think of someone who has tried your patience on more than a few occasions. What counsel from this chapter can help you better deal with this person?

Further reading on descriptions of Biblical or divine love: [Isaiah 41:10](#), [Romans 8:37-39](#)



WEEK THREE IN REVIEW

Use these Week-In-Review questions for personal growth, group discussion, or both. There are no right or wrong answers; just opportunities to further flesh out the passages of this week and share those insights if possible.

FROM DAY 1

The most popular scripture, 1 Corinthians 9:24, implies that to win the race you must look forward to obtaining a prize or prizes. What prizes do you look forward to getting in the kingdom of heaven?

FROM DAY 2

Day 2's most popular scripture tells us that God will always give us a way out from our temptation. It certainly does not say that if we are Christians we won't be tested; conversely, Christians may be arguably more tempted by sin. Think about one of your greatest temptations. What ways has God given you to avoid that temptation (even if you couldn't see it at the time)?

FROM DAY 3

Communion can sometimes be taken without feelings of gratitude. It can feel like a pure ritual without much of an emotional attachment. What did you read or reflect on about communion which could change your view of it to appreciation and awe?

FROM DAY 4

Review 1 Corinthians 12:4-6. Reflect on the gifts you already know you have and ask God to show you other gifts and talents that you could share.

FROM DAY 5

While this passage is often a beautiful part of wedding ceremonies, we've learned that this passage is actually describing the perfect love of God. How can you try to emulate that perfect love in your own relationships? Think of one thing you can do this week that would enable others to see the love of God. Don't tell anyone you're doing it—just write it here and then try to do it, then record the difference it made.



Fill-in-the-Blank Answers

FROM DAY 1

1. True
2. True
3. Gospel of Christ
4. Receive their living or wages from the gospel
5. False
6. Christ

FROM DAY 2

1. Christ
2. Evil things
3. Temptation
4. Idolatry
5. True
6. Saved

APPLICATION HELP

People who claim the God of the Old Testament is “mean and scary” generally don’t see what the people were doing to Him, to goodness, to righteousness, to the love bestowed upon them. Some people see that the Joshua Wars killed many pagans, but they don’t see how offensive the behavior was of all these people since the Great Flood, a thousand years earlier.

For over a thousand years, the offspring of Ham (Noah’s youngest, and the descendants of whom Joshua was fighting) had brought pain to God’s heart. They showed no signs of caring or wanting to change. When people don’t see this, or that God continued to sustain them for 10 centuries, they think God was mean.

FROM DAY 3

1. Christ, man, God
2. Head coverings
3. Division
4. In remembrance of me
5. True
6. Condemned

FROM DAY 4

1. Jesus is Lord
2. True
3. Christ
4. False
5. True
6. The Body of Christ

APPLICATION HELP

Concerning how conservative and progressive believers blend well together, here is a saying by a well-known Christian writer: "I wish my liberal friends cared more about babies before they are born and that my conservative friends cared more about the babies after they are born."

It's often hard to see our own blind spots, especially when we don't connect with people who seem different from us. We often don't even know what their opinions actually are. When we take the time to listen, we often find plenty of common ground and things to love.

FROM DAY 5

1. True
2. True
3. Truth
4. Prophecies, tongues, knowledge
5. Part
6. Hope

APPLICATION HELP

Many weddings include a reading from 1 Corinthians 13 to describe marital or romantic love. However, this chapter in 1 Corinthians actually describes agape love, or love from God. While it's a nice sentiment for us to strive for these descriptions in our marriages and relationships, it's important to remember that while human love can fail, God's never does.



1 CORINTHIANS

1 Corinthians 14-16



WEEK 4

CHAPTER 14: OUR GOD IS A GOD OF PEACE

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 14

"For God is not a God of disorder but of peace - as in all the congregations of the Lord's people."

1 Corinthians 14:33

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 True/ False: It is better to edify others than oneself. (v. 1-5)
- 02 In verse 2, Paul says that when someone speaks in a tongue, they are not speaking to people, but to _____.
- 03 True/ False: When we are speaking, it is important that we can be understood. (v. 9)
- 04 In verse 12, Paul says that if we are eager for gifts of the Spirit, we should try to excel in those that build up/ edify _____.
- 05 In verse 15, Paul says that if we pray and sing in the Spirit, we should also pray and sing with _____.
- 06 True/ False: It is better to speak a few words that can be understood, than a bunch of words that can't be understood. (v. 19)

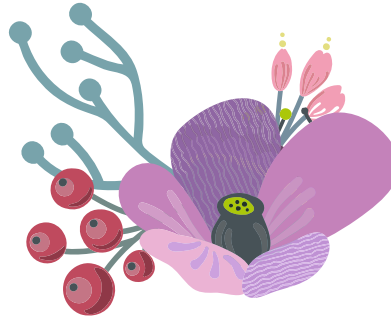
APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 01** Verse 12 implies that most Christians are eager for God to show them their gifts or talents. Reflect on your own gifts and talents. What are those gifts? If you feel you don't have any, what can you do to recognize your own gifts.

- 02** Paul cautioned others about the gift of tongues, as it seemed to be sought after as a sign of one's spiritual superiority. Why is it important that our gifts not be used for selfish purposes, but to teach and edify others?

- 03** Read Judges 4. How does the knowledge of Judge Deborah's gifts help balance out Corinthians 14:34-35, which could imply in isolation that God considers women to be of lesser value to the Kingdom?

Further reading on equality among genders: 1 Corinthians 11:11-12



CHAPTER 15: FLESH AND BLOOD CANNOT INHERIT

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 15

"I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable."

1 Corinthians 15:50

TEXT QUESTIONS

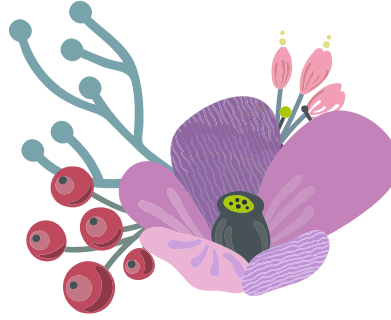
- 01 According to verses 5 and 6, Jesus appeared to over 500 of the brothers and sisters, after appearing to _____ and _____.
- 02 In verse 9, Paul says that he doesn't deserve to be called an apostle because he _____ the Church of God.
- 03 According to verse 10, it wasn't really Paul who worked so hard, but _____ who was with him.
- 04 True / False: Some of the Corinthians were saying that there was no resurrection of the dead. (v. 12)
- 05 According to verse 57, God gives us victory through _____.
- 06 Our labor for the Lord is not in _____. (v. 58)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 01** Obtaining immortality is a linchpin for why we accept Christ's redemption. We know our challenging lifestyles will not be lived in vain. The concepts presented in verses 36-44 are crucial to our faith. Read them again, then write them in your own words.

- 02** Verse 33 declares that "bad company corrupts good character." Reflect on your own life. In what ways may "bad company" be present in our lives? Reflect on how these influences may have kept you from reaching your spiritual goals. How can you resolve to be stronger now?

Further reading on the Resurrection: John 11:24-26, Romans 6:9-10



CHAPTER 16: CLOSING MESSAGES

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 16

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong."
1 Corinthians 16:13

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 According to verse 2, everyone should set aside a sum of money in keeping with their _____.
- 02 Verse 5 tells us that Paul had planned to come to see the Corinthians again after passing through this region: _____
- 03 Paul names in verse 8 where he is writing to the Corinthians—the town of _____.
- 04 Paul asked in verse 11 that the people not treat Timothy with _____.
- 05 The first converts in Acacia included this man and his family (v. 15): _____
- 06 These two people, known from the Book of Acts, are mentioned in verse 19 as sending greetings: _____ and _____

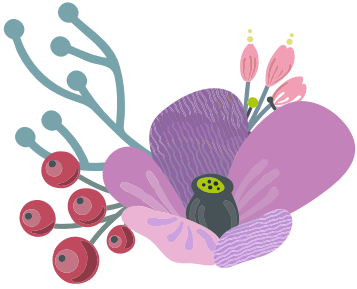
APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 01** In the opening, Paul speaks of a monetary collection, which would be sent to the church in Jerusalem so that the Gentile saints in Corinth would be assisting the Jewish saints. What does the example of Gentile and Jewish Christians teach us about unity and working together despite our differences?

- 02** Hearing Paul speak of his future is a bit intriguing (verses 5-9). He is using both the Holy Spirit and common sense to dictate what he's saying. How can we use the same process in planning for our future, balancing out practicalities with inspiration from God?

- 03** Review verses 13 and 14, which could stand alone for all of us. We are given five edicts. What are they? Which ones do you feel apply most directly to your spiritual growth?

Further reading on how the Holy Spirit will lead us: [John 14:26](#), [Romans 8:26-27](#), [Luke 11:13](#)



1 CORINTHIANS' MOST POPULAR VERSES COMBINED!

Read through the verses below from 1 Corinthians which are considered most searched for or most popular in today's culture. The Bible Rank is the verse's popularity among all the 10,000+ verses in the Bible. Therefore, these ranks in the 100s to 300s are considered high ranking, and this a very popular book. Be thinking of which verses most apply to your personal life and how. Check off or highlight them. They will help you with tomorrow's material. For today, we'll look at the most popular and reflect on their meaning.



#1 Verse: 1 Corinthians 6:9

Bible Rank: 137

"Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor practicing homosexuals."



#2 Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:3

Bible Rank: 195

"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures."



#3 Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:4

Bible Rank: 294

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud."



#4 Verse: 1 Corinthians 6:19

Bible Rank: 335

"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own."



#5 Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:1

Bible Rank: 343

"Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand."

 #6 Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:13

Bible Rank: 365

"No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to us all. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."

 #7 Verse: 1 Corinthians 1:18

Bible Rank: 396

"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

 #8 Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:1

Bible Rank: 400

"If I speak in human or angelic tongues, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal."

 #9 Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:12

Bible Rank: 418

"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ."

 #10 Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:50

Bible Rank: 495

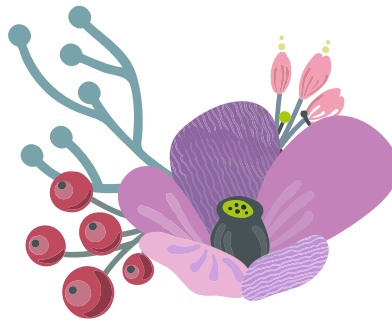
"I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable."

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 01** First Corinthians 6:9 tells us clearly what sins will discount some from inheriting kingdom of God. Verse 7 continues with, “nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers....” Review the list of sins here and reflect on any changes necessary in your life. If needed, ask God for help in overcoming these weaknesses.

- 02** Look at 1 Corinthians 13:4, ending with “[Love] does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.” How are envy, pride, and boasting related? What can we do to protect ourselves against these negative traits?

- 03** Picking from the list above, which verse strikes you as most applicable to your life and why? You will have plenty of chances to use the rest of the list tomorrow if you wish.



PERSONALIZING 1 CORINTHIANS FOR YOUR LIFE

Below you can journal about this deeply engaging Bible book to see how it can help in your journey for discipleship. Fill in any questions that strike you as applicable to your life as well as studying any goals, dreams, impressions, or messages to share with others.

01 What chapter in the book created the most excitement for you about your life?

02 Pick four verses that you would like to memorize, believing the messages will give you daily strength. Write each of them out on a sticky note or strip of paper and post them where you'll be sure to see them every day (the bathroom mirror and the refrigerator are great choices!).

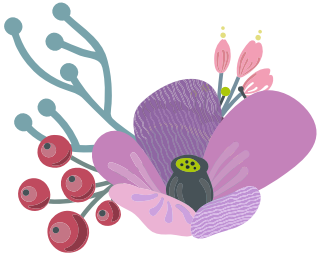
03 Which verse prompted the most reflection? Why?

04 How is the reading of this book most likely to change your life for the better?

05 What did you learn from this book about God that you didn't know or didn't know well before?

06 What did you learn about Jesus that you didn't know or didn't know well before?

07 Make a commitment to change something in your life for the sake of your discipleship. Write out a verse from this book that will inspire you. Write out several if needed (change is challenging and can be stressful). This change can involve a habit or lust, a self-centeredness, or anything you feel has held you back from believing you're achieving God's best.



WEEK FOUR IN REVIEW

Your last day is a short one! There are only three Week in Review Questions as the book was completed on Day 3. Use these questions for personal growth, group discussion, or both.

FROM DAY 1

Have you ever heard Christians complain that they have no noticeable gifts and that they're embarrassed by it? What can you say to help them rethink and become acquainted with what God has in store for them?

FROM DAY 2

Make a list of what traits you would consider to be present in "bad company," according to 1 Corinthians 15:33. What steps should you take to avoid people who are waist-deep in them? What can you ask God to do for them?

FROM DAY 3

Paul's closing language to the Corinthians makes them seem like a big family. Think of your own church. What more can you do to help spread a feeling of welcome and loving family in your congregation?

FROM DAY 4 & 5

Write anything here that you feel about 1 Corinthians that was not covered by previous questions. Revisit any verses that made you feel particularly high or low about your own life. Ask God for immediate help with the lows! Thank Him for the highs and for a profound Bible book that has been with us for nearly 2,000 years.



Fill-in-the-Blank Answers

FROM DAY 1

1. TRUE
2. GOD
3. TRUE
4. THE CHURCH
5. UNDERSTANDING
6. TRUE

APPLICATION HELP

On tongues, again, our question is about preventing quarrels, not about whether certain gifts are still relevant.

Per Judges 4, God used women to guide politics, lead battles, prophesy, impart wisdom, and assassinate. A wise teacher said at the millennia, "the Deborahs of today are being ignored and discarded." How can we prevent such oversights from happening in our churches?

FROM DAY 2

1. Cephas (Apostle Peter), the Twelve
2. Persecuted
3. The grace of God
4. True
5. Jesus Christ
6. Vain

APPLICATION HELP

We can get so involved in our lives that even very serious Christians can find themselves saying things like, "At least I didn't die in that car accident!" or "I'm fighting for my life with these new medications!" We can totally forget that "to die is gain" and death means we get to see Jesus finally! We forget to visualize and remember that glory awaits, as do the living arms of our Savior.

FROM DAY 3

1. Income, or according to how God prospered him
2. Macedonia
3. Ephesus
4. Contempt, or do not despise him
5. Stephanas
6. Priscilla and Aquilla

FROM DAY 4

APPLICATION HELP

The Got Questions Ministry provides this insight in 1 Corinthians 6:9-10: We still struggle with sin, but by the power of the Holy Spirit who lives in us, we are able to resist and overcome sin. The hallmark of a true Christian is the decreasing presence of sin in their life.