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During the time of Paul, the church in Corinth was a large and growing population. As in any large group of people there are going to be issues. This is especially true in places like Corinth where trade routes brought people from many different backgrounds and cultures into the same place.

Christianity also brought many of these people together and while mainly positive, there were some challenges. We know that Paul wrote several letters to the people in Corinth. Usually Paul was encouraging them, as well as admonishing them and teaching them further in the ways of the Lord.

In 1 Corinthians, we will get a glimpse of those internal challenges the church faced, the issues that divided the them, and Paul's guidance during those times.

Shortly after Paul's time in Corinth was Nero assumed his position as Emperor of Rome. This brought another hardship for the church in Corinth. Nero's reign of terror and hatred, particularly toward Christians, permeated every facet of life. While much of Rome enjoyed a time of prosperity, Christians often found themselves unemployed and disenfranchised from the rest of society.

These pressures added to a fallen human nature presented more trials for the members of the church in Corinth, the apostle Paul, and other leaders put in their charge.

I look forward to journeying with you through this wonderful book of God's sovereignty and provision.

Pastor John



Week 1
Introduction and Authority
1 Corinthians 1:1-17

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Questions for discussion:

- What was the qualification of the office of apostle?
- What is the difference between a disciple and an apostle?
- Did Paul qualify as an apostle?
- Why is unity expected in the body; is it possible?



Week 2

Christ is the Wisdom and Power of God 1 Corinthians 1:18–25

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Questions for discussion:

- What does it mean when it says that the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing?
- In vs 1:26, what is "your calling" referring to?
- What is Paul's main point in this section? What is he trying to relay?



Week 3
Considering Wisdom
1 Corinthians 2:6-16

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Questions for Discussion

- What implications does this section have for the believer?
- How does this impact our witnessing?
- Where else in the Bible do we see wisdom being addressed and to what end?



Week 4
Divisions in the Church
1 Corinthians 3:1—23

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Questions for Discussion

- Paul is addressing spiritual maturity in the first section; what areas do you see yourself as being spiritually immature? What are your sacred cows?
- Jesus Christ is the foundation according to verse 11: What implications does this have in the church and in the healing of divisions?
- What is the major division that Paul is addressing here?



Week 5
Godly Leadership
1 Corinthians 4:1-20

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Questions for Discussion

- What was the major issue that Paul was dealing with here?
- How does Paul view himself and the other apostles?
- What does the word apostle mean?



Week 6
Purity in the Body
1 Corinthians 5:1-13

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Questions for Discussion

- Paul here is dealing with sexual immorality in the church; What are the two underlying issues here?
- Why is addressed sin in the body bad?
- What does Paul tell us here about judging?



Week 7

Lawsuits and disputes among believers

1 Corinthians 6:1-11

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Questions for Discussion

- Why should we not settle disputes against other believers in court?
- Are we ever permitted to use the legal system?
- How should we settle the disputes? What scriptures can we use?



Week 8
Sexual Immorality
1 Corinthians 6:12– 20

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Questions for Discussion

- What is Paul addressing here?
- Why is sexual immorality wrong?
- Discuss the idea of the body being a temple of the Holy Spirit; what areas of life does this address?



Week 9
On Marriage
1 Corinthians 7:1-15

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Questions for Discussion

- What are Paul's major points of marriage in this section?
- What are the implications for husbands and wives in this section?
- How do we apply this to our everyday lives?



Week 10

Live as you were called: and the Unmarried and Widowed 1 Corinthians 7:16-40

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Questions for Discussion

- How does the idea of living as we were called apply to our current life?
- Who is he referring to when he distinguishes between the circumcised and the uncircumcised?
- Discuss Paul's directions to the unmarried and the widows.



Week 11
Food Sacrificed to Idols
1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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Questions for Discussion

- What is Paul addressing in this section?
- How can this be applied to our everyday life?



Week 12
The Rights of an Apostle
1 Corinthians 9:1—27

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Questions for Discussion

- What is Paul addressing in this section?
- How can this be applied to today's life?



Week 13
Warning Against Idolatry
1 Corinthians 10:1-22

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Questions for Discussion

- What constitutes idolatry?
- We know sexual sin is bad, but do we take note of grumbling or put it on the same level?
- Why is grumbling bad?
- How can we apply this section to our everyday lives?



Week 14
For the Glory of God
1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

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Questions for Discussion

- Are all things lawful? What does this mean?
- What is Paul addressing in this section?
- How can we apply this to our lives?



Week 15
Propriety in Worship
1 Corinthians 11:2-16

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Questions for Discussion

- What is Paul addressing in this section?
- Should our women be wearing head coverings?
- What should we take from this section and apply to our everyday life?



Week 16
The Lord's Supper
1 Corinthians 11:17-34

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Questions for Discussion

- Why do we celebrate the Lord's Supper?
- Who is permitted to observe the Lord's Supper?
- What should we take away from this section of scripture?



Week 17
Spiritual Gifts
1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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Questions for Discussion

- What is Paul trying to teach in this section?
- What problem may he be dealing with?
- How can we apply this to our everyday lives?



Week 18
One Body
1 Corinthians 12:12-31

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Questions for Discussion

- What is Paul trying to say in this section?
- What is my part of the Body of Christ?
- Is it possible for a Christian to not have a part of the Body?



Week 19
Love
1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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Questions for Discussion

- What are the different types of love in the Bible?
- In light of this passage, am I loving my spouse, children, and others Biblically?
- Are we able to have this kind of love?



Week 20
Prophecy and Tongues
1 Corinthians 14:1—25

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Questions for Discussion

- How can this passage impact us today?
- What do I believe about tongues?
- Where is my belief founded? Have I done the work, or have I just accepted what someone has taught me?



Week 21
Orderly Worship
1 Corinthians 14:26-40

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Questions for Discussion

- Why is orderly worship important?
- What is the goal for everything we do in church?
- Are we doing it right?



Week 22
The Resurrection of Christ
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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Questions for Discussion

- What is Paul trying to teach here?
- Does someone have to believe in the resurrection of Jesus to be saved?
- How can I apply this passage?



Week 23
The Resurrection of the Dead
1 Corinthians 15:12-49

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Questions for Discussion

- What is Paul teaching in this section?
- What will our bodies look like at the resurrection?
- How does this help us in our everyday life?



Week 24
Mystery and Victory
1 Corinthians 15:50-58

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Questions for Discussion

- What is Paul teaching in this section?
- How can I use this today?
- What is the mystery?



Week 25
Final Things
1 Corinthians 16:1-24

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Questions for Discussion

- How has the book of Corinthians helped me?
- What are the main takeaways from this book?
- Am I different because of this book?