

STUDY

1 Corinthians Bible Study Questions and Answers (Free PDF)

A 10-session walk through 1 Corinthians, from a divided church to the hope of resurrection, with open questions for your own answers. Free to print, no sign-up.

A 10-session study of 1 Corinthians for groups or solo reading.

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

1 Corinthians 1:10 (NIV)

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; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV)

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)

The study guide

SESSION 1 · 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

Called and Kept

Paul greets a church he loves and thanks God for it before he ever names a problem, calling the Corinthians enriched in Christ and kept by God to the end.

1. What words does Paul use to describe the Corinthian believers in these opening verses?

2. Why might Paul thank God for this church before he confronts anything that is wrong in it?

3. Where do you most need to remember God's grace toward you before you start fixing what is broken?

SESSION 2 · 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-4:21

The Cross and the Folly of Division

Paul confronts the factions forming around rival teachers and sets the wisdom of the world against the foolishness of the cross, where God's power is found.

1. What kinds of rivalry and boasting is Paul confronting in the Corinthian church?

2. Why does Paul keep contrasting human wisdom with the message of the cross?

3. What would real unity around Christ, rather than around a favorite teacher, look like where you worship?

SESSION 3 · 1 CORINTHIANS 5:1-6:20

Holiness and the Body

Paul addresses sexual sin the church had tolerated, lawsuits between believers, and the call to honor God with the body, which belongs to him.

1. What serious sins and conflicts does Paul name in these two chapters?

2. Why does Paul tie holiness so closely to the truth that believers belong to Christ?

3. What is one concrete step toward purity and integrity you could take this week?

SESSION 4 · 1 CORINTHIANS 7:1-24

Marriage, Singleness, and Calling

Paul answers the church's questions about marriage and singleness, honoring both, and urges each person to live faithfully in the life God has already given them.

1. What questions about marriage and singleness is Paul answering here?

2. How does Paul hold together honest concession, calling, and wholehearted devotion to the Lord?

3. How can you serve God faithfully right where you are in your relationships today?

SESSION 5 · 1 CORINTHIANS 7:25-40

Wisdom for Big Decisions

Paul gives careful counsel to the unmarried and those weighing marriage, shaped by devotion to the Lord rather than by pressure or fear.

1. What advice does Paul give about marriage in light of the present circumstances?

2. What principles, not just rules, seem to guide the counsel Paul gives?

3. Where do you need wisdom rather than pressure to shape a major decision in front of you?

SESSION 6 · 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-11:1

Freedom Governed by Love

Paul takes up food sacrificed to idols and the larger question of Christian freedom, arguing that love for a weaker believer outranks the exercise of a right.

1. What problem does Paul say knowledge creates when it is not governed by love?

2. Why is Paul willing to limit his own freedom for the sake of others?

3. Where might a freedom you have a right to use actually harm someone whose faith is fragile?

SESSION 7 · 1 CORINTHIANS 11:2-34**Worship That Honors Christ's Body**

Paul addresses head coverings, order in worship, and the Lord's Supper, rebuking a church that humiliated the poor at the very table meant to unite them.

1. What disorder or misuse does Paul find in the Corinthians' gathered worship?

2. Why does Paul call for such discernment and reverence at the Lord's Supper?

3. How could the way your church gathers better reflect the unity of Christ's body?

SESSION 8 · 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-14:40**One Body, the Greatest Gift**

Paul teaches that the Spirit gives varied gifts to one body, then sets love above every gift in chapter 13, and calls for orderly worship that builds others up.

1. How does Paul describe both the variety and the unity of spiritual gifts in the body?

2. Why does Paul insist that love is greater than even the most striking gifts?

3. Which gift or role could you use more intentionally for the good of others, not for status?

SESSION 9 · 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-34**Christ Is Risen**

Paul restates the gospel and defends the resurrection against those denying it, showing that everything stands or falls on Christ being raised from the dead.

1. What core facts about the gospel and the resurrection does Paul restate here?

2. Why does Paul say that denying the resurrection guts the entire faith?

3. How does the hope of resurrection change the way you face obedience and suffering now?

SESSION 10 · 1 CORINTHIANS 15:35-16:24**Victory, Generosity, and Farewell**

Paul describes the resurrection body and death's final defeat, then turns to the collection for believers in need and closes with warm, practical farewells.

1. What future transformation does Paul promise for the bodies of those who belong to Christ?

2. How does the victory over death in chapter 15 shape the instructions Paul gives in chapter 16?

3. What faithful action does the truth that Christ is risen call you to take this week?
