

# ONE CORINTHIANS

*unit 4 life group guide*



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**Week 1** 1 Corinthians 7:1-7, July 31

**Read 1 Corinthians 7:1-7**

1. Would you say that the last 40 years of changes in our culture have been beneficial for marriages? Why or why not?
2. What can we learn in verses 1-2 about the boundaries for sex?
3. What are the boundaries? (7:3)
4. What is the principle of marriage revealed in these verses 3-4?
5. What does the Bible say marriage is a symbol of?

**Read Ephesians 5:31-32**

*[For the following questions, you might consider having the men and women meet separately.]*

6. What does it mean in verse 5 to deprive one another? Why should a couple not do this?

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7. Does this passage give a husband or wife the right to demand sex from their partner? Why or why not?
8. What is the problem with depriving?

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**Week 2** 1 Corinthians 7:8-16, August 7

## **Read 1 Corinthians 7:8-16**

1. What instruction did Paul give to the unmarried and widowed? (7:8-9)
2. What did Jesus have to say about divorce? **Read Matthew 19:3-9**
3. What should a believer do if she/he is married to an unbeliever? (7:12-16)
4. What does it mean that a wife or husband is holy/sanctified by their spouse? (7:14)
5. What should a believer do with an unbelieving spouse willing to live with them? (7:12-13)
6. What should a Christian do with an unbelieving spouse that wants to leave? (7:15)
7. To what has God called us in our marriages? (7:15)
8. What difficulties will believers who are married to unbelievers likely face?



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**Week 3** 1 Corinthians 7:17-24, August 14

## **Read 1 Corinthians 7:17-24**

1. Can you share with the group a season or time in your life when you felt particularly content?
2. If you are comfortable doing so, share a time when you were NOT content? How do you think contentment could have been possible even in that situation?
3. What are some things that make it hard to find contentment today?
4. Why is it important to remember that our circumstances were "assigned" to us? (v. 17) Does that thought bring you peace or make you angry?
5. What is more important than whether a person is married or single? (7:17-19)
6. What is more important than whether a person is a slave or free? (7:20-24)

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7. When Paul advises that "Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called." (v. 20), is he forbidding all changes of employment, marital status, etc.? What is his point?
8. Are verses 21-23 endorsing slavery?
9. In what way is a slave truly "free"? In what way is a free citizen a "slave"? (v. 22)
10. Why is the charge to live as you are called relevant to us today and how might we do that best?

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**Week 4** 1 Corinthians 7:25-40, August 21

**Read 1 Corinthians 7:25-40**

1. What advantages of single life does Paul identify? Is he saying that remaining single is the best choice for everyone? Only for some people?
2. Why did Paul think it best to remain single?
3. What advice does Paul give in 7:27? How does this relate to vs. 17-24?
4. Why does he advise them not to marry (7:28)?
5. What perspective can help us serve God well whether married or single? (7:29-31)
6. What advantage do unmarried people have in ministry? (7:32-35)
7. What would be the advantage of marriage in times without persecution or unique difficulties?

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9. How would you explain 7:37-38 in your own words?

10. What is Paul's advice to widows (7:39-40)?

11. It is God's design that we hold lightly to the world and firmly to Him.  
**Read 1 John 2:15-17.** What is the result in our life when we love God the most?

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**Week 5** 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, August 28

## **Read 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

1. What's the problem with knowledge? (8:1-2)
2. What is the true mark of a believer?
3. Why were the Corinthian Christians continuing to struggle over the matter of idols? (8:7-8)
4. What does it mean that their conscience is defiled? (8:7)
5. What does 8:8 teach? How does it relate to the context? (note vs. 4-6)
6. We have liberty, but how should we take care to exercise it? (8:9)
7. What other areas, besides food sacrificed to idols, might this apply to?
8. What is the consequence to the one who ate the meat (8:12)?

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9. What conclusion did Paul reach in 8:13? How did Paul limit his freedom out of sensitivity to the weaker Christians of his day?
10. What did Christ do for our brothers in Christ? So what should we be willing to do?
11. Why should we be careful what we do around others?
12. Any time some folks oppose an act, they claim they are offended so you must quit it. Is that what Paul means?
13. What should you do if you know your actions would cause another Christian to violate his or her conscience?



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