

# ONE CORINTHIANS



*unit 5 life group guide*

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**Week 1** 1 Corinthians 9:1-23, September 4

## **Read 1 Corinthians 9:1-7**

1. Why does Paul want to tell them that he is an apostle and has seen Jesus and has worked hard, etc.? (9:1-2)
2. What rights did Paul waive? (9:3-6, 12)

## **Read 1 Corinthians 9:8-14**

3. What case could Paul make for asserting his rights as an apostle? (9:7-11, 13-14)
4. Explain the Old Testament (see Deut. 25:4) concept Paul uses in 9:8-10. How does this illustrate his point?
5. Should Paul's case be used to prove preachers generally should not accept support from churches? See also 1 Timothy 5:17-18.

## **Read 1 Corinthians 9:15-23**

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6. What motivated Paul to preach as he did? (9:16-17)
7. How does Paul's attitude compare to that of the Corinthians?
8. Why did Paul make himself a slave to everyone? (9:19)

## Read Philippians 1:21-24

9. Paul said for him to live is Christ. On those occasions that you may not be living for Christ how would you answer this question, "For me to live is \_\_\_\_\_?"
10. What do you think someone would need to do in order to more often declare, "For me to live is Christ"?

**Week 1 Notes**

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**Week 2** Acts 20:18-38, September 11

**A good goodbye means appreciating our past relationship.**

1. What was the hardest goodbye you've ever had to experience in your life?

**Read Acts 20:18-21**

2. What accounts/events does Paul review from his time in Ephesus? (20:18-21)

**A good goodbye means we accept God's leading above our own desires.**

**Read Acts 20:22-27**

3. Where did Paul intend to go, and what was predicted to face him there? (20:22-23)
4. What was most important to Paul? (20:24)
5. How did the apostle describe the present situation? (20:22-27)

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6. How did Paul describe his life and mission? (20:24)

7. How would you describe what Paul means in verse 26 in your own words?

**A good goodbye means we carefully prepare for the future.**

## Read Acts 20:28-38

8. What were the future responsibilities of the Ephesian elders? (20:28-35)

9. What is God's word able to do? (20:32)

10. How did the elders display their deep love for Paul? (20:36-38)

11. At the end of your life what is it that you would like people to remember most about you?

**Week 2 Notes**

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**Week 3** 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, September 25

1. What is your favorite sport to play? To watch?

**Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-27**

2. What is the theme of 9:24-27. How does it relate to chap. 8-10?

3. Why is it necessary to live with purpose and discipline? (9:25-27)

4. Why did Paul lead a disciplined life? (9:27)

**Read 2 Peter 1:3-7**

5. Where should we be deriving our strength and power for living?  
(2 Peter 1:3)

6. How is the Christian life similar to sports competition? How is it  
different? (vv. 24-27)

7. Do you feel that you approach the Christian life in the way Paul  
describes in vv. 24-27? Why or why not?

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8. What quality do athletes need (9:25)? How would you define this quality?
9. What is one thing you can do this week to improve your spiritual "fitness"?

**Week 3 Notes**

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**Week 4** 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, September 25

## **Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-6**

1. What was the Israelites' spiritual food and drink? (10:3)  
See Exodus 16:13-15, 17:6
2. Who was the "rock" that accompanied the Israelites in the wilderness? (10:4)
3. How did God feel about the Israelites in the wilderness? (10:5)
4. Why did God record the experiences of the Israelites? (10:6, 11)

## **Read 1 Corinthians 10:7-13**

5. What evil actions cost many of the Israelites their lives? (10:7-10)
6. What warning did Paul give the Corinthians? Why? (10:12)
7. What is the danger in thinking that you are "standing firm" (10:12)?

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8. Why is it important to realize that all the temptations Christians face are common to everyone? (10:13)
  
9. What promise does this passage offer to those who are struggling with temptation or trials? (v. 13) Have you found this to be true in your own life?
  
10. When you are confronted with a temptation, what should you do?

**Week 4 Notes**

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**Week 5** 1 Corinthians 10:14-22, October 9

## Read 1 Corinthians 10:14-22

1. What is the main point of this passage?
2. Define "idolatry." (10:14) What was Paul referring to?
3. What are the "cup of blessing" and "bread"? (10:16)
4. Who is to practice this and why?
5. How can a diverse group of Christians remain unified? (10:17)
6. What should the Corinthians have known about sacrifices made to idols? (10:19-20)
7. Why then would it be wrong to eat things offered to idols? (10:20)
8. How would this be inconsistent for a Christian? (10:21)

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9. What was Paul's purpose in discussing idol feasts? (10:18-22)
  
10. Why would this make the Lord jealous? (10:22)
  
11. To one degree or another all of us have tendencies to create idols.  
What do you think might be an "idol" in your life?



**Week 5 Notes**

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**Week 6** 1 Corinthians 10:23-33, October 16

## Read 1 Corinthians 10:23-33

1. Where have we previously studied the ideas found in 10:23?  
(Note 1 Corinthians 6)
2. What is Paul getting at in verse 26 when he quotes Psalm 24:1?  
Can you think of examples of how mankind may have twisted something that God designed as originally a good thing?
3. What stipulations did Paul place on eating meat served in an unbeliever's home? (10:27-30)
4. What were the Corinthian Christians to do if meat being served to them had been sacrificed to idols? (10:28-29)
5. What problems can arise if they were to knowingly eat meat sacrificed to idols? (10:28)?
6. What is Paul's point in verse 29?

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7. In what areas of life can we glorify God? (10:31) How can we practically apply this?
  
8. What groups of people should we not offend? (10:32)
  
9. What principle should motivate all our decisions? (10:33)
  
10. Does verse 33 mean that Paul is just a "man-pleaser"?
  
11. How do you think most people treat the "gray areas" of life? What is the problem with this approach?

**Week 6 Notes**

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**Week 7** 1 Corinthians 11:1-16, October 23

## Read 1 Corinthians 11:1-16

1. If you could make one rule regarding clothing, which everyone would have to follow, what would it be?
2. Whose example should all Christians follow? (11:1)
3. For what did Paul praise the Corinthian church? (11:2)
4. Who is the head of women, men, and Christ? (11:3)
5. How seriously did Paul regard the woman who did not cover her head? (11:6)
6. In what sense is man dependent on woman? (11:11-12)

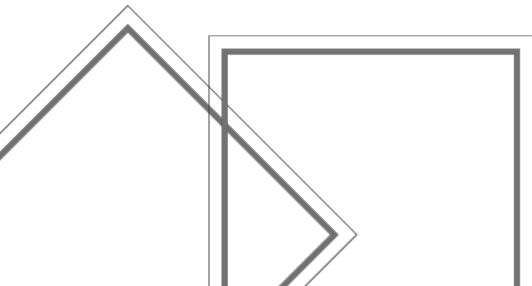
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7. One objection to a distinction in gender roles is that submission to authority is inherently demeaning to women. What do the following passages tell us about Christ's submission to authority? (Matthew 26:39, John 6:38, 1 Corinthians 15:28) Does this mean that the Son has less dignity, worth, or power than the Father? (Hebrews 1:3, John 14:10-11)
  
8. What elements of this passage, if any, do you think are culturally limited, and which, if any, are universal? Why?
  
9. How did Paul try to head off criticism about these instructions? (11:16)

**Week 7 Notes**

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**Week 8** 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, November 6

## Read 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

1. What is the problem that Paul is addressing here?
2. What does he mean in verse 19 that there must be factions among them?
3. Why does Paul write that, "it is not the Lord's Supper you eat"? (v. 20) Why not?
4. Based on this passage, what would you identify as the root cause(s) of this problem? In what ways did they not observe the Lord's Supper correctly?
5. What does verse 21 tell us about their attitudes in taking it?
6. What essential truths about the Lord's Supper and Jesus' redemptive work are presented in this passage? (11:23-26)



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7. What did Jesus do with the bread (11:24)? What is its symbolic meaning?
8. What is "the cup," and what does it symbolize (11:25)?
9. In what sense is the Lord's Supper a "remembrance"? (11:24-25)  
What are we to remember?
10. How long will the practice of the Lord's Supper continue? (11:26)
11. What does it mean to eat or drink "in an unworthy manor"? (11:27)
12. What is the consequence of not partaking properly according to?  
(11:29-30)
13. Why does the Lord discipline His children? (11:32)

*You may want to consider taking some time as a Life Group and taking communion together.*

**Week 8 Notes**

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