

Dear Life Group Leaders,

Thank you so much for leading the people of Everyday Church and helping others to develop a growing faith in Jesus. What a blessing you all are to the local Church! I am praying that as you lead this week you know the blessing and favour of God in your own lives. Remember these guides are exactly what they say they are – guides. Use as much or as little of the guide to help you encounter God in your meeting this week.

Much love,

Simon

LIFE GROUP GUIDE **1 Corinthians**

This Week's BIG IDEA: This week we begin our new series in 1 Corinthians. In this week's sermon we looked at Paul, the city of Corinth and the Corinthian Church. We discovered that Paul was a person just like us, Corinth was a city much like our own and that the Corinthian church was facing all the challenges that we are facing. In unpacking this letter together over the coming weeks, we are seeking to be equipped to overcome some of those challenges as we grow as a missional community of image bearers and Kingdom bringers.

Focusing on God

Spend some time in prayer reminding one another of the character and blessing of God. If it helps, listen to this worship song that reminds us of our standing as children of God and then pray out of that restated identity.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bytj0G6RmEk>

Getting into Scripture

i) Please read Acts 9:1-19

- What stands out for you when you consider Saul/Paul's conversion experience?
- What do you note about the stages of Paul's conversion experience and the people involved?
- Why not spend some time sharing one another's conversion journeys?

ii) Please read Acts 18:1-18

- What do we learn about the challenges of evangelism from these verses?
- How does Paul overcome those challenges?
- What does God say to Paul and how might God's words to Paul help us in our witnessing?

iii) Please read 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

- What do we learn about the foundation of Paul's apostleship and the local church from these verses?
- The word "calling" and "called" appear repeatedly in the early verses of 1 Corinthians – why is this important? What has God called us to do this year?

Time to Pray

Paul's conversion reminds us that no one is outside the saving power of God. Spend some time praying for those you would love to come to know Jesus this year. (This might be a great time to create a Life Group list of all those you are going to pray for regularly in 2024)