

the first letter to the CORINTHIANS

The Gospel shaped community

What is the series about?

We'll be working our way through the 1st Letter that the Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Corinth. This series will cover what a Gospel shaped community looks like in many areas of life including relationships, sex, food, the gathered church, and the resurrection.

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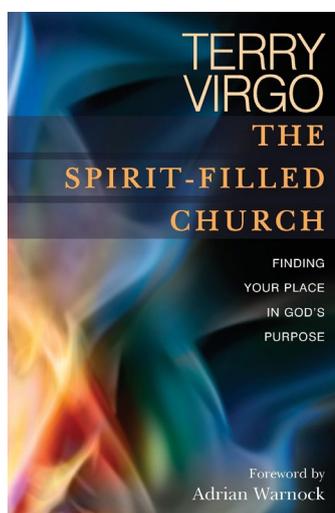
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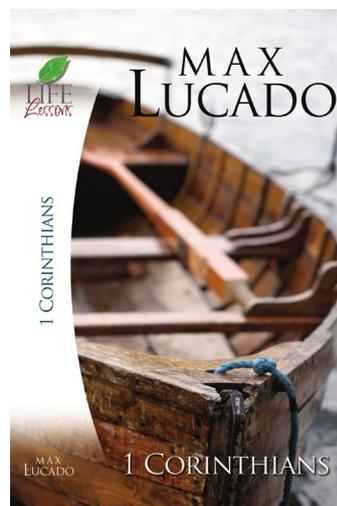
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Recommended Reading

The Spirit Filled Church
Terry Virgo



Life Lessons: 1 Corinthians
Max Lucado



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Title: Sex and the glory of God

Speaker: Marcus Tutt (All Sites) Bible Ref: 1 Corinthians 6:9-20

Overview

Paul writes to the church in Corinth, warning them to flee sexual immorality. He does so because it will prevent them from inheriting the kingdom of God, deceive them, be of no benefit to them and in the end control them. Their body has a greater purpose - to glorify God. They are united to Jesus and sexual immorality will tear them away from him and join them to counterfeit gods. Sexual immorality is in a category all of its own and will damage them in very deep ways. Their bodies are a temple of the Holy Spirit, the very dwelling place of God. Besides, our bodies are not our own to do with as we please. We were bought by the precious blood of the Lord Jesus. We flee from the fleeting and destructive pleasures of sexual immorality, to a greater far more lasting joy in Jesus. We do so by God's grace as he cleanses, sanctifies and justifies us, in Jesus name and by his Holy Spirit.

Questions to help your group understand & apply the truth preached

- 1. What does Paul mean by "sexual immorality"?**
(hint: sexual activity outside of a God approved marriage covenant between a man and a woman, Gen 2:24, Mark 10:6-10, Leviticus 18 and 20, 1 Cor 5:1...)
- 2. Why would you want to flee from it?**
(see above but perhaps be more specific and think what particularly motivates you)
- 3. How have you/will you, by God's grace, take steps to do so?**
(hint: Receive God's grace, know who you are in Christ, where appropriate ask those we have hurt for forgiveness, ask others for help, take every thought captive, say a grace based "No" to temptation, build good close friendship with others in the church, flee quickly, seek advice, nip thoughts in the bud, in marriage flee to each other and receive each other, flee to Jesus – serve, worship and enjoy him...)