

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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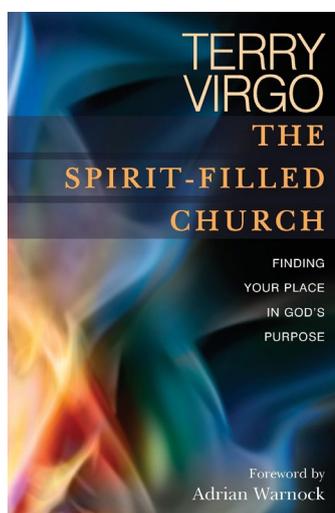
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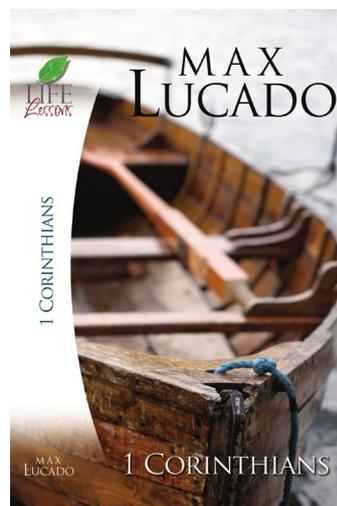
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Recommended Reading

The Spirit Filled Church
Terry Virgo



Life Lessons: 1 Corinthians
Max Lucado



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Title: How does the Church Grow??

Speaker: Dan Stagg (Mile Cross) Bible Ref: 1 Corinthians 3: 1-15

Overview

"There's nothing like the local church when it's working right." (Bill Hybels)

That's a bold statement to make!! The church in Corinth was not; this was because it was caught up in squabbling over who was the best. They were not allowing the gospel to shape their community and so in this section of the letter Paul points out their problem, provides them with the antidote and shows them how to build church in a way that will cause them to grow – the grace of God!

Questions to help your group understand the truth preached

On Sundays we hear God's word preached and as we listen well we trust that God is changing us in the moment. Use these questions to further explore the truth that was taught.

1. What do you think of when you hear "the grace of God"?
2. How does the gospel of grace defeat division in a church?
3. What difference does grace make to us as a Life Group?

Questions to help your group apply the truth preached

When applied, God's Word will enable us to love God and to love others. These questions will help your group apply the truth understood in a way that leads to transformed lives.

1. Paul addresses the Corinthian church as "brothers and sisters" (v1) 22 times in this letter, how is Jesus making you part of the family of God?
2. Paul reminds Corinth about serving (v5), what does grace enabled serving look like?
3. "God gives the growth" (v9). How can we play our part? (see Matt ch9v36-38)

Questions to help your group dig deeper

Having understood the truth preached, and explored how it can be applied to your lives why not dig a little deeper and ask your group the following questions:

1. Paul reminds us to "take care how we build" (v10), how can we do that?
2. We build on a foundation of the cross (v11). What can we do daily to remind ourselves of God's grace?
3. What does building with Gold, Silver & Precious/Costly Stones mean for you?