

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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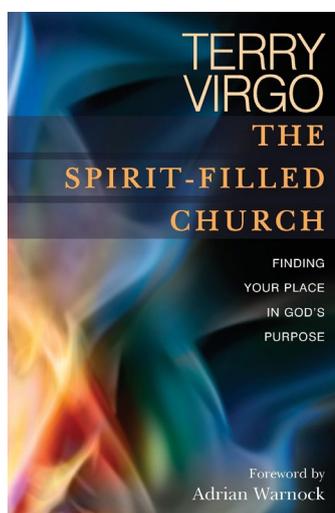
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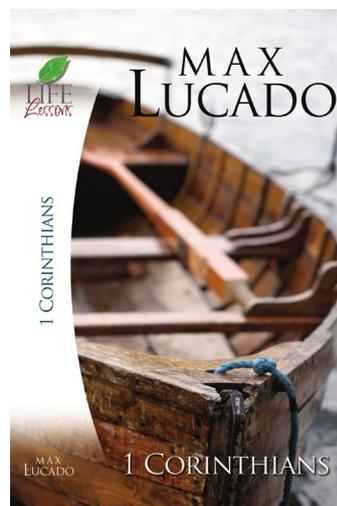
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Recommended Reading

The Spirit Filled Church
Terry Virgo



Life Lessons: 1 Corinthians
Max Lucado



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Title: Unity and diversity of the body

Speaker: Marcus Tutt (City Centre & Mille Cross)

Bible Ref: 1 Cor 12:12–31

Overview

- The Holy Spirit is the basis of both the unity and diversity in the church.
- **Drink like a fish:** “in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...and all were made to drink of one Spirit”. A Christian is to the Spirit as a whale/jelly fish/seal/lifeboat etc is to water. It’s our element! Prime yourself with the Spirit in the morning (Like a lawnmower:-) then step into action.
- **Dare to be different:** We belong to the body because of what God has done not what we do. In the security of God’s acceptance and our belonging to the body, we can step out and serve, trusting that he will equip and shape us in unique ways...
- **Stand united:** Express our unity by **A) being part of A local church. B) Building relationships with others. C) Celebrating and grieving with others.**

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. Why does Paul use the body metaphor?
2. What errors in thinking are various parts of the body making?
3. What is Paul’s solution?

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. How do you “drink” the Spirit?
2. How can we express the diversity of function in the church
3. How can we express the unity of the Spirit in the church

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. What was your experience of being launched into a life in the Spirit as a believer?
2. How can we honour, celebrate, grieve with one another?
3. What does it mean to “earnestly desire the higher gifts”?