

# 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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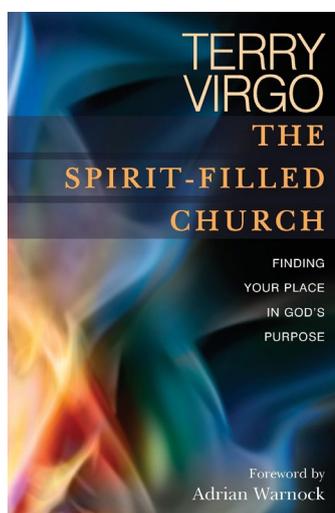
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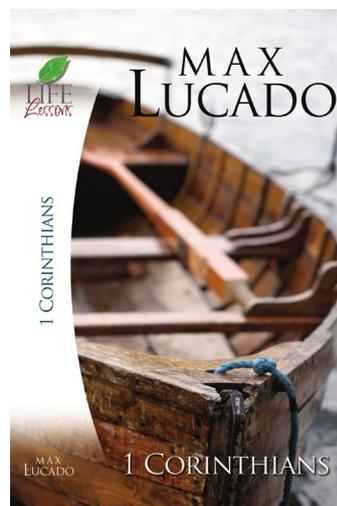
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## Recommended Reading

The Spirit Filled Church  
Terry Virgo



Life Lessons: 1 Corinthians  
Max Lucado



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## Title: Grace & Grievances

Speaker: Goff Hope (City Centre & Mile Cross) Bible Ref: 1 Corinthians 6:1-8

### Overview

The Christians in Corinth have allowed themselves to get into all sorts of ungodly situations – promiscuity, even disputes ending up in court. Things can start as small things & grow... How?

1. Wonderful Self-delusion: we think we can manage the situation, there will be no consequences. Paul says "Don't you know..?" 4 times, "Don't be deceived!" What don't they know?
2. Beauty of Gospel: They're forgetting they're saints v1,2, family v6,8, washed, forgiven v9 See Matt 18. They'd lost sight of beauty of forgiveness. If we've understood the wonder of grace & forgiveness we should extend it to others.
3. Light of Eternity: They're forgetting there's a Day ahead, when Jesus will come. We will reign with Him when He rights wrongs. Church is to be an expression of His Kingdom NOW!

### 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 does Paul's tone say about his feelings towards the Corinthians?
2. Sometimes Paul was more encouraging! (*Eph ch1*). Why not on this occasion?
3. What does this passage tell us about what truths Paul taught new Christians?

### 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. What can stop us from forgiving others?
2. What should we do when the other person is in the wrong?
3. How can we help each other? Ask the LIFE Group if they see any 'blind spots' in the way you speak / relate to others! Come on, let's be honest & help each other.

### 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. How can we keep our hearts soft so we can hear the Holy Spirit's prompts?
2. What should we do if we find it difficult to forgive ourselves?
3. What plain truths about the future, the coming of Jesus, do you understand? Keep it simple!