

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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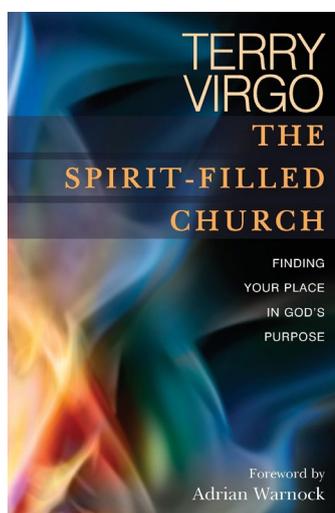
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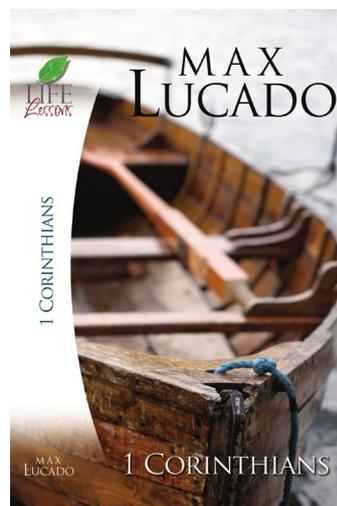
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Terry Virgo



Life Lessons: 1 Corinthians
Max Lucado



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Title: Gospel centred disciples

Speaker: Paul Hatton (City West) Bible Ref: 1 Corinthians 4:14-17

Overview

The context of the letter is Paul writing to his children, lovingly warning them (Verse 14-16)

- 1. Disciples are servants** (Vs 1) – Paul was a servant. Jesus was the greatest servant laying down his life as a ransom (Mark 10:45) to purchase us. We're now his servants.
- 2. Disciples need admonishing** (Vs 14) – “Warn someone of something to be avoided”. Paul warns the Corinthians to move them from self-centred to Gospel-centred. We need to let the Word admonish us and let others admonish us with the Word (Col 3:16)
- 3. Disciples are imitators** (Vs 16) – Paul is urging the Corinthians to imitate him. This is the heart of discipleship. Spirituals fathers/mothers raising up spiritual sons/daughters.

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. How is Paul relating to the Corinthians in these verses?
2. Why does Paul need to admonish them?
3. What is it about Paul that he is encouraging them to imitate?

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. Do you think you are servant hearted? Are there any areas of your life you find it difficult.
2. How have you admonished others in the past? How has it gone?
3. Who around you are your imitating? Who would you like to spend more time with?

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 does Colossians 3:16 help us know what it looks like to admonish one another?
2. What was Paul's and Timothy's relationship like and how can we learn from it?
3. What does it mean for Jesus to be a ransom for many? Relating to us being servants.