

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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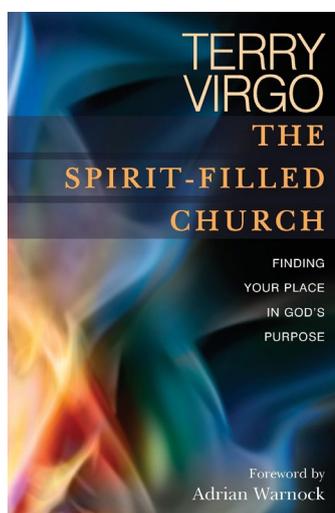
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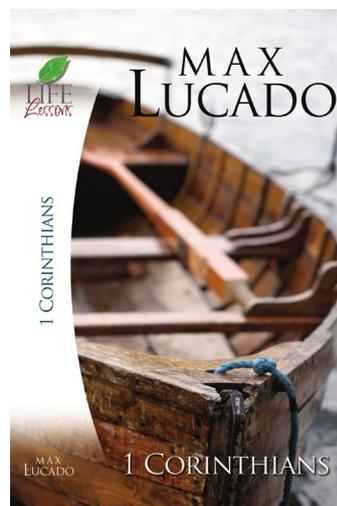
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Recommended Reading

The Spirit Filled Church
Terry Virgo



Life Lessons: 1 Corinthians
Max Lucado



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Title: Who's Table Are You Feasting At?

Speaker: Goff Hope (City Centre) Bible Ref: 1Cor 10 vs1-21

Overview

As well as Breaking Bread with believers, Corinthian Christians were joining in inappropriately with the culture around them. Paul says this is totally inappropriate & dangerous:

Lessons from Israel's history – some let their desires lead them astray, God judged them.

We too have hearts that derail us – our hearts are idol factories, an idol can be anything, including good things, when they become the best thing, captivating & controlling us. None of us are immune, there are demonic forces seeking to draw our devotion away from the Lord.

There is a way of escape – We do not have to be held captive. Jesus is our way of escape, He never gave in to temptation, He died to free us & lives in us to change us – Feed on Him!

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 this chapter tell us about what we as Christians should glean from the account of the Exodus, Crossing the Red Sea & journeying in the wilderness?
2. Why do our hearts / affections / desires matter so much to God?
3. Looking at verse 16, what is Paul suggesting actually happens when we Break Bread?

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.

4. What do you think are the most compelling idols in our culture?
5. What (or who) might be in danger of becoming an idol for you?
6. What practical steps can we take to keep our hearts / desires from being drawn away?

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:

7. What do you understand by the word 'fellowship' (*Greek, koinonia*)?
8. In what ways do we side step the seriousness of Paul's warnings here?
9. What strategies can help us apply verse 13 when we are tempted?