



1 Corinthians Overview: Called Out of Immorality  
Discussion Group Leader Handout  
Text: 1 Corinthians

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**I. Background and Context:**

- I. What was the culture like in Corinth?
- II. Would you say that the culture in Corinth is similar to ours today?
- III. What is the relationship supposed to be like between culture and the church?  
Should one influence the other?
- IV. Practically what are some ways that we can keep ourselves and our walk with the Lord from being influenced by our culture?
- V. Why did Paul want to plant a church in Corinth?

**II. Called To Be Saints:**

- I. Why is it important to know at the beginning of this book that the church in Corinth are saints?
  - i. What is the difference between their practice and position as saints?
- II. Why is it encouraging that this body of believers whose life is not saintly, an encouragement to us that Paul calls them saints?
  - i. Cross references:
    1. 1 Thessalonians 4:7 - For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification.
    2. 2 Timothy 1:9 - 9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity.
- III. What are some of the benefits of being saints?
  - i. 1 Corinthians 1:4-9



### III. Problems and Errors of The Corinthian Church.

I. What were some of the problems and errors the church in Corinth were dealing with?

i. unity within the church, issues of purity, Christian liberties, corporate worship which includes men and women's roles in the church, communion, and spiritual gifts. The resurrection, the continuing work of the gospel.

II. Talk through these questions as topics comes up.

i. Unity:

1. Within our church and the church at large do we have a tendency to take special pride in the preachers we listen to, the pastors we try to associate ourselves with?

ii. Impurity/lawsuits:

1. Why is it important to call out sin in our church family and not turn the other way?

2. Why is it important to let the church deal with sin issues between two people and not the secular courts/government? Where is that line drawn?

3. Are you content with where the Lord has you married or unmarried?

iii. Christian Liberties/Freedoms:

1. What was the main theme Paul gives us here:

a. 8:1b – knowledge makes arrogant but love edifies.

2. What are ways you can show love to your brothers and sisters when it comes to Christian liberties that are not specifically restricted in scriptures?

iv. Corporate Worship:



1. Are you Using your gifts to serve Anchor Bible Church/your local church?
  2. Have you thought about roles of men and women in the church and why they are important?
  3. What are some ways that church's have disobeyed God's word in regards to men and women's roles in the church?
  4. Have you considered the seriousness of not examining yourself before the Lord's supper/communion?
    - a. 1 Corinthians 11:27-30.
- v. Christ's Resurrection:
1. Why is the resurrection vital to our faith?
  2. Why is it encouraging to know that our bodies will one day rise too?
- vi. The Continuing Work of The Gospel.
1. In verses 1-4, what is the church's responsibility to help the gospel go forth?
  2. How do we be good stewards of what God has given us?