

**FIRMLY
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What is good about Church?



Read 1 Cor 1:1-3

Icebreaker: Go around the group and share your favourite aspect of church. What's the reason?

- Read the passage and make any interesting observations.

General

- Who is the author? Who is the intended reader?
- What is an apostle?
- What is the essence of this greeting?
- When was the letter written? Bonus points for detail!

Deeper

- Using any previous knowledge, what do you know about the people and culture of Corinth?
- What does it mean to be 'called... by the will of God'?
- Explain what you know about being 'sanctified'
- What do you think are characteristics of a 'holy people'? List at least 5.
- Explain why Paul used the phrase: 'their Lord and ours'

Mission

- At Church this week or the next, speak to someone who is new or has been for a while, but you may not have had the chance to introduce yourself. Greet them with grace and peace!

Activity

- Pray for one another. In addition, pray for someone you care about but are separated by distance or time (old friend).
- Nominate a verse from any book of scripture to memorise. Prepare to be tested next week!

What is good about Grace?



Read 1 Cor 1:4-9

Icebreaker: Go around the group and share something that you are thankful for this week or month.

- Read the passage and make any interesting observations.

General - What are the key points of this passage? List them out in your own words

- For what reason does Paul thank God for about the Corinthians?

- What kinds of speech and knowledge is Paul referring to? What is 'enriching' about it?

Deeper - How is this a sign of testimony among them?

- How does Jesus keep a believer 'firm'?
- What does it mean to be 'blameless', in your own words?
- What does being in fellowship with Jesus look like?

Mission

- Do you know what your spiritual gift is? Think of a way you can put it into practice this week.
- Greet someone you don't know at church this week.

Activity

- Pray for one another regarding anything that stood out to you in this passage.
- Nominate a verse from any book of scripture to memorise. Prepare to be tested next week!

What is good about Unity?



Read 1 Cor 1:10-17

Icebreaker: Think back to the last time you had a differing view to someone. How did you settle the matter?

- Read the passage and make any interesting observations.

General - What is Paul's goal in this passage?

- What kind of people are the Corinthians?
- What appears to be the issue among the church?

- Is it possible to be perfectly united in mind and thought? How can it be achieved?

Deeper - How do you think the divisions among the Corinthians came about?

- Who are Apollos and Cephas?
- Explain what v17 means, especially the second half.

Mission

- Are there any issues of disunity that you have encountered at Northreach? Or perhaps any that you have come across between members? Discuss your thoughts on its resolution or potential solution.

Activity

- Pray for one another and for unity.
- Nominate a verse from any book of scripture to memorise. Prepare to be tested next week!

What is good about Wisdom?



Read 1 Cor 1:18-31

Icebreaker: Share with one another someone who has often been wise counsel in your life.

- Read the passage and make any interesting observations.

- What are the key points in this passage?

General - What is the context of this passage? How does it fit with the previous or following passages?

- Where does wisdom come from according to this passage?

- 'The Jews request a sign, the Greeks seek after Wisdom', what do you think our society looks for?

Deeper - Why is the message of the cross 'foolishness' to those who are perishing? Furthermore, who is this referring to?

- Explain v21 in your own words.

- v23 Why was Christ's crucifixion so hard to accept?

- v31 What does it mean to boast in the Lord?

Mission - Ground yourself in v26. How have you been transformed and empowered to Glorify God since you accepted Jesus into your life?

- How does this verse encourage you?

Activity - List some things that the world accepts as 'wisdom'. Contrast it to the Wisdom of God.

- Nominate a verse from any book of scripture to memorise. Prepare to be tested next week!

What is good about Spiritual Maturity?



Read 1 Cor 2:1-16

Icebreaker: If you could ask God one question now, what would it be?

- Read the passage and make any interesting observations.
- What is the context of this passage? How does it fit with surrounding texts?
- How is God's wisdom revealed?
- Why did Paul say he came with great fear and trembling? What point does he make regarding this?

General

- What makes someone spiritually mature? Where else might you have seen this term in Paul's letters?
- Is God's wisdom still a mystery to man? Explain.
- What does it mean when something is 'spirit-taught'? Have you seen this in practice in your life?
- Why does Paul say we 'have the mind of Christ?' What does this mean in your words?

Deeper

- Reflect on your spiritual maturity and share with your group any areas that you feel like you could focus on growing this week.

Mission

- Pray for one another and for spiritual maturity.
- Nominate a verse from any book of scripture to memorise. Prepare to be tested next week!

Activity

What is good about a Firm Foundation?



Read 1 Cor 3:1-17

Icebreaker: What is something you have improved in with age? Share any skills, knowledge, understandings, etc.

- Read the passage and make any interesting observations.
- What is the context of this passage?
- What are the key points?
- What exactly are the Corinthians not ready for?
- What is the difference between Apollos' and Paul's work?

- What does Paul mean when he says 'acting like mere humans'?

- Describe the characteristics that Paul is trying to convey when he uses the terms: God's co-workers, God's field and God's building.

- What is the important message in vv 10-15?

- Explain v 17, notably how someone can destroy God's temple.

- Reflect on what tasks you believe the Lord has 'assigned' to you, whether long term or short term. Share and discuss how you can carry it out.

- Pray for one another.

- Nominate a verse from any book of scripture to memorise. Prepare to be tested next week!

SOCIAL WEEK

Plan a social activity for this week!

