



Week of February 18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20¹

Overview

Paul's letter to the Corinthians addresses needs and problems specific to that local church. But for a 2000-year-old letter, many of the topics will ring true to us today as well. Cultural diversity and religious pluralism were obvious in 1st Century Corinth and are also rampant in our 21st century world. Paul cares deeply about both right living and right thinking for Christians, and so should we. Read the letter with a view toward Paul's primary purposes: the health and "building up" of the body of Christ, and actions which further the gospel. Keeping these themes in mind will help you understand the "why" behind Paul's guidance and admonitions to the Corinthian Christians.

Group Objectives

Relationships and Life Transformation are the primary purposes of community groups.

- Reflect on this past Sunday's message and other devotional reading.
- Pray together and provide encouragement for other group members...how can you "build one another up" this week?
- Pray for God's call to reach your "one more."

DNA statement(s) tie-in

- ***We are On Mission to Reach One More.*** Every person matters to God, so every person matters to us. God invites every one of us to join him in his great mission to **reach one more** – one more coworker, neighbor, family member, and friend.
- ***We are All for Jesus.*** Jesus saves us from our past, remakes us to be like him, heals our broken places, and is coming back as our king. Only Jesus is worthy of our allegiance, and worldly division has no place for those who follow him.

Conversation Starters

- What stood out to you from this week's sermon?
- Where is your favorite place to read the Bible and pray? What makes this place special to you?

Listening to God

- Where did you experience God last week?
- How were you able to join God on mission?

¹ This discussion guide was written by Elaine Rodeck and edited by Dawn Gentry. For additional content, see the [sermon online](#) and the reading plan [found here](#).

Learning from God's Word: Bible Study Discussion

Paul provides practical instructions to clarify any misunderstanding the Corinthians may have had about the physical role of food for the stomach, as well as sexual immorality and the body. If we have accepted Christ, our body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. As a Christian, our body is not our own. We were bought with a price - Jesus' death on the cross. We are exhorted to glorify God in our body.

Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

- What stood out to you from these verses as we read them?
- What do you find most confusing about this text?
- How might this text have challenged the Corinthians?
- Please read verses 19 and 20.
 - How might these verses cause you to think differently about your body?
- How do you sense God calling you to respond to this passage?
- How does having "allegiance to Jesus alone" affect our choice to use our physical bodies in healthy and righteous ways?

Reach One More Practice

- This week pray that God would reveal how God is calling you to deepen your commitment to reach your "one more". What step(s) is God asking you to take to reach your "one more"?
 - Next week, share with the group what you learned from this experience and how God showed up.
- What are you learning about yourself in this season?
 - What are you learning about God?

Prayer Prompts

- Invite members of the group to share requests.
- Allow time for silent reflection on the following prompts.
 - *Jesus, we surrender our lives to you. Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to us. May we always seek the leading of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We ask that you show us how you are calling us to reach our "one more". Amen.*

For further study

- For more about the **Reach One More** initiative, see www.reachonemore.cccomaha.org.
- For practical ideas you can implement as you reach one more, see <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzdVE7HNsqM-FEzli5Etuzj379W7kUsxO>
- Bible Project Videos: Guide to 1st Corinthians: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/1-corinthians/>
- Right Now Media Series – "Bible Backroads" – great background on Corinth, suitable for families: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/806863>
- Ben Witherington, *A Week in the Life of Corinth*
- NT Wright, *1 Corinthians* (N. T. Wright *For Everyone* commentary series)
- Anthony Thiselton, *1 Corinthians: A Shorter Exegetical and Pastoral Commentary*

Some copies of these books may be available at the CCC resource booth to purchase on-site.