



**Week of March 17**  
**1 Corinthians 10:1-22<sup>1</sup>**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Century Corinth and are also rampant in our 21<sup>st</sup> 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?
- If you could start a nonprofit, what would it be? Why?

**Listening to God**

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

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<sup>1</sup> 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

This week's text focuses on Paul's warning to the Corinthian church about idols in their lives. Idols had no place in the lives of the Corinthian believers. Nor do idols have a place in the believer's life today. God equipped the Corinthian believers so that they would not be tempted beyond their ability and made a way of escape so they could endure temptation. God makes the same provisions for us today.

### **Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-22**

- What stood out to you from these verses as we read them?
- Why do you think Paul wrote to the church at Corinth to warn them about idols?
  - What types of idols might they have been struggling with?
- What do you find most convicting about this text?
- Where might you seek encouragement from this text?
- What are some of the idols in your life?
  - Why is it important to have allegiance to Jesus alone?
- How do you sense God calling you to respond to this passage?
  - Is there an example to follow? A command to obey?

### Reach One More Practice

- This week, pray that God would reveal any idols in your life that may hinder your ability to reach your "one more." How is God calling you to release or renounce those idols?
- Find a prayer partner in your group to pray with about your respective "one more."
- Invite your "one more" to one of our Easter weekend services (March 30-31).
- 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, show us areas of our lives where we have idols. We surrender these idols to you. Help us to live life fully committed to you. Amen.*

### For further study

- For more about the **Reach One More** initiative, see [www.reachonemore.cccomaha.org](http://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.