

AROUND THE DINNER TABLE

01/17: 1 Corinthians 16

Paul starts his letter encouraging unity *within* the Corinthian church, and ends his letter encouraging unity more broadly, as part of a larger network of churches and ministries that should be supporting and encouraging one another.

Describe a time when you participated in missional work either locally or abroad, or perhaps a time when you were an active member of another church.

Churches often get into the mindset of looking at other churches as competition. What is wrong with that concept? What are some truths you have taken from 1 Corinthians that dispel that type of thinking?

Take a moment to go back to the beginning of Paul's letter and read 1 Corinthians 1:10-17.

What might it look like to honor our differences and work together with other churches and ministries for the common goal of sharing the gospel?

Take a moment to pray that the Holy Spirit would work in your heart to broaden your vision for the church in the name of sharing the good news of Jesus. Pray that God would present clear opportunities in your life for you to serve, support, and encourage, both as part of our church as well as part of the global church.

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Adapted from Rachel Jones' *5 Things to Pray* series.

Father, when I am frustrated, help me to be:

PATIENT LIKE GOD

Read James 5:11

Thank God for how patient he is with you. When you are weak, he shows you compassion. When you are sinful, he shows you mercy. Thank him for specific ways in which you have experienced his patience recently, and pray that you would show the same compassion and mercy to those around you today.

NEXT STEPS

Interested in Membership or Baptism?

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LOVE PEOPLE,
SHARE CHRIST... *more*

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SERMON PASSAGE

1 Corinthians 16:1-24 (ESV)

¹ Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. ² On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come. ³ And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem. ⁴ If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.

¹⁰ When Timothy comes, see that you put him at ease among you, for he is doing the work of the Lord, as I am. ¹¹ So let no one despise him. Help him on his way in peace, that he may return to me, for I am expecting him with the brothers.

¹² Now concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to visit you with the other brothers, but it was not at all his will to come now. He will come when he has opportunity.

¹³ Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. ¹⁴ Let all that you do be done in love.

¹⁵ Now I urge you, brothers—you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints— ¹⁶ be subject to such as these, and to every fellow worker and laborer. ¹⁷ I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence, ¹⁸ for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such people.

¹⁹ The churches of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. ²⁰ All the brothers send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

²¹ I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. ²² If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! ²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. ²⁴ My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

January 17, 2021: Pastor Brent Miller

Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians

Passage: 1 Corinthians 16:1-24

Sermon Notes

*For Your Convenience:
Personal Sound Enhancement Receivers available at the Welcome Center*

FURTHER STUDY THIS WEEK

TAKING A CLOSER LOOK

Whether you are meeting with someone this week or you are getting into the Word on your own, we encourage you to work through these questions as you take a deeper look at the sermon passage from this week, or as you dig deeper into the "Read the Bible in Two Years" reading plan that we are currently working through as a church.



1. What are 1-2 things that "shine" from this passage? Whatever impacts the most or draws attention.



2. What are 1-2 things that are difficult to understand in the text, or a question that you would like to ask the writer of the passage or the Lord?



3. What is the central idea of the passage?



4. What are 1-2 personal applications for your own life?



5. With a friend: Find out what is going on in each other's lives. What has been their greatest joy this week? Greatest challenge this week and how they've handled it? What is one area each of you could pray about for each other as it relates to growing with your relationship with the Lord, a spouse, child or friend?

January Memory Verse

Lamentations 5:22-23

²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.