

SMALL GROUP STUDY

Problems Within the Church

Corinth was situated at a major crossroads and it was booming in business and knowledge. The church there was struggling in several areas. Paul writes not only to admonish, but to encourage.

The Problem of Disunity (Chapters 1-2)

Discussion Questions:

- a. Why were the people divided?
- b. How is God's glory manifested in our weakness? What scripture in 1 Corinthians explains?
- c. Examine your heart: What guidance do you find in these chapters for your life?

The Problem of Immaturity--Stunted Spiritual Growth (Chapters 2-4)

Discussion Questions:

- a. Who are the three men that Paul describes in this section? What are their characteristics?
- b. Do you see any of their characteristics in yourself? How have you changed from before you first believed?

The Problem of Impurity (Chapters 5-6)

Discussion Questions:

- a. What points do you find on sexual morality in this section?

The Problem of Marital Fidelity (Chapter 7)

Discussion Questions:

- a. Why did Paul say it was better to stay single? What instruction did he give for those who could not live the single life?

The Problem with Personal Liberty (Chapters 8-10)

Discussion Questions:

- a. How did Paul explain liberty? How do these instructions apply in our current world...movies, music, personal possessions?

The Problem in Worship Community (Chapters 11-14)

Discussion Questions:

- a. How does the law of Love dictate the practice of the gifts of the spirit? (chapter 12)

The Problem with Doctrinal Clarity (Chapter 15-16)

Discussion Questions:

- a. What are the three great credentials of Jesus Christ?