

NT101: A Survey of the New Testament

Week of February 28th

1 Corinthians: The Body of Christ

Hear THE Word:

The Church of Corinth is impatient. The Church of Corinth is unkind. They do envy, they do boast, they are proud. They are rude, they are self-seeking.

1 Corinthians 13:4-5 (CRV)

There is no _____ without _____ and _____.

1 Corinthians 1-3: The _____ of Christ

I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you.

1 Corinthians 1:10

The key to unity is to always remember that _____ is in charge of the church.



Cut the head off it _____.



Cut an arm off it _____.

1 Corinthians 4-10: The _____ of Leaders

So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

The key to authority is to always remember that _____ are called to serve Jesus.

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector."

Matthew 18:16-17

1 Corinthians 11-16: The _____ of Believers

A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 11:28-29

The key to community is to always remember that believers are called to love one another!

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1 Corinthians: The Body of Christ (cont.)

Read THE Word:

- Sunday, February 28th: 1 Corinthians 1-2
- Monday, March 1st: 1 Corinthians 3-4
- Tuesday, March 2nd: 1 Corinthians 5-6
- Wednesday, March 3rd: 1 Corinthians 7-8
- Thursday, March 4th: 1 Corinthians 9-10
- Friday, March 5th: 1 Corinthians 11-13
- Saturday, March 6th: 1 Corinthians 14-16

Study THE Word:

Open: Before reading 1 Corinthians 13, fill in the following blank. Love is (or isn't) _____.

Read: Have someone in your group who feels comfortable read 1 Corinthians 13:1-8.

Study:

1. Given the fact Corinthians 13 is read at so many weddings, why is it surprising that the Apostle Paul is not writing to a couple but rather to a church?
2. Why is it that church sometimes brings out unloving attitudes and actions in each of us? (i.e. Why can we be impatient, unkind etc. with others in the church.)
3. Which of the adjectives in verses 4-8 is the easiest for you to be personally? Other than patience (that one's too easy!), which is the hardest?
4. Have someone in the group read verse 11 about becoming a "grown up." How does putting "childish ways" behind us help us become more loving people?
5. Throughout the New Testament, the Apostle Paul emphasizes the importance of faith. Why then does he say that of faith, hope and love, the greatest is love?

Pray: Share your prayer requests, and then as an act of love pray together for each other.

Memorize THE Word:

The Body of Christ: Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)

Meditate on THE Word:

This week, meditate on the reasons you are grateful you were chosen to be part of Christ's Body.