

ORCHARD ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# **BIBLE FOR ALL (BFA) MATERIAL FOR SMALL GROUPS DISCUSSION**

## **1 Corinthians – Building Community**

### **Sermon Series**

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# 1 CORINTHIANS

SEEING EVERY PART OF LIFE THROUGH THE GOSPEL

READ ABOUT THIS IN  
**ACTS: CHAPTER 18**

**CORINTH**

PAUL LIVED HERE FOR 1 1/2 YEARS

**1** DEFINE THE PROBLEM

**2** RESPOND WITH THE GOSPEL

—THE GOOD NEWS—  
—ABOUT—  
—JESUS—

Life

RELATIONSHIPS  
FAMILY  
COMMUNITY  
WORK

BIG PROBLEMS WITH CORINTH!

	1-4	5-7	8-10	11-14	15	16
<p>DEFINE THE PROBLEM</p>	<p><b>DIVISIONS</b></p> <p>THIS IS NOT A POPULARITY CONTEST!</p> <p>PAUL   APOLLOS   PETER</p>	<p><b>SEX</b></p> <p>WE ARE FREE IN CHRIST</p>	<p><b>FOOD</b></p> <p>DON'T EAT IT!   DON APPETIT</p> <p>SCENARIOS: SCORUM CHRISTIANS, MELANODIA CHRISTIANS</p>	<p><b>THE GATHERING</b></p> <p>THE SPIRIT WHOSE TASK IS TO BUILD UP THE CHURCH</p> <p>SCENARIOS: SCORUM CHRISTIANS, MELANODIA CHRISTIANS</p>	<p><b>THE RESURRECTION</b></p> <p>THERE IS NO RESURRECTION!</p>	FINAL GREETING
<p>RESPOND WITH THE GOSPEL</p>	<p>CHURCH IS A COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE CENTERED AROUND JESUS</p> <p>LEADERS AS TEACHERS AND SERVANTS</p>	<p>JESUS DIED FOR YOUR SINS</p> <p>OUR BODIES WILL BE RAISED FROM THE DEAD</p> <p>BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS: SEXUAL MISCONDUCT</p> <p>WHAT YOU DO WITH YOUR BODY MATTERS</p> <p>FUTURE</p>	<p>SCENARIO 1: CARING, WARMED UP BY GOD'S LOVE</p> <p>SCENARIO 2: THANK YOU FOR THIS FOOD, AMEN</p> <p>TOTALLY FINE</p> <p>CORE PRINCIPLE: DON'T DISPLEASE OTHERS</p> <p>THESE ARE THE THINGS WE LIVE BY: EYE, TEACHER, HEAD, SERVANT, MOUTH, TRUMPET, FOOT, JUDILE, BUILD UP</p>	<p>RESURRECTION IS INDISPENSABLE</p> <p>JESUS VICTORY OVER SIN AND DEATH</p> <p>SPRING OF HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD</p> <p>MEANINGLESS WITHOUT RESURRECTION</p>		
<p>BECAUSE OF THE RESURRECTION WE HAVE</p>	<p>A REASON FOR UNITY</p>	<p>MOTIVATION FOR Sexual Integrity</p>	<p>POWER TO LOVE OTHERS MORE THAN YOURSELF</p>	<p>VICTORY OVER DEATH</p>		

THE GOSPEL: AN ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT JESUS THAT OPENS UP A NEW REALITY

We are here!

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**05 Jul 2020**

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

**Living With The End In Mind – Resurrection As Apostolic Preaching**

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Both Paul and the Twelve preached the same gospel – that of Christ resurrected, which Paul summarises here in 1 Cor 15:3-8. This is the gospel received by the Corinthians, which they believed, and by which they were saved.

**OBSERVATION AND INTERPRETATION**

1. What are the essential parts of the Gospel message?
  - a. Verse 3
  
  - b. Verse 4a
  
  - c. Verse 4b
  
  - d. Verses 5-8
  
2. In this summary, what two kinds of evidence does Paul give that Christ was truly raised from the dead?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Listing Christ's resurrection appearances leads Paul to re-emphasize his apostolic authority (which was being undermined in Corinth) while also emphasizing that it was not the messenger that was important, but the message of the gospel. In what ways does Paul's apostleship rest solely on God's grace? (verses 9-10)

**APPLICATION**

4. Why is the resurrection of Christ so important in the gospel message? What are some ways in which we try to minimise its importance today?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. The apostles (including Paul) preached the same gospel, as do Christians around the world today. What implications might this have on the way we view other Christian practices?

## **REFLECTION**

What difference has the resurrection of Christ made in our hearts and minds? How has it changed the way we live, the way we think about other people, and the way we think/feel about God?

Write down a key lesson that you have learnt from this study.

What is a key verse that you would like to take to heart?

## **PRAY**

What can you thank God for today?

What can you ask God for today?

## **DISCIPLESHIP POINTERS**

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a fundamental part of the true Gospel, and thus the message we proclaim. It is the basis of our hope for the future and our lives now. We must hold firmly to it!

12 Jul 2020

1 Corinthians 15:12-28

Living With The End In Mind – Resurrection As God's End-Time Plan

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### OBSERVATION AND INTERPRETATION

1. How is the Gospel of Christ's death and resurrection relevant to the dispute in Corinth (vv. 12-13)?
  
2. If Christ has not in fact been raised, what is true of Christianity and Christians?
  - a. Verse 14
  
  - b. Verse 15
  
  - c. Verse 17
  
  - d. Verse 18
  
  - e. Verse 19
  
3. Since Christ has been raised, what can we confidently expect? (Explain in your own words)

### APPLICATION

4. As Christians, how should we view death? How do Christians around you view death?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. If all powers in the world will ultimately be put under Christ, how should this affect the way you treat Jesus and earthly powers now? How does this apply to specific situations you are facing?

## **REFLECTION**

We say that Christ is risen, is alive and that He will come again. How will we react if the second coming of Christ is right now?

Write down a key lesson that you have learnt from this study.

What is a key verse that you would like to take to heart?

## **PRAY**

What can you thank God for today?

What can you ask God for today?

## **DISCIPLESHIP POINTERS**

The resurrection is an essential part of the Christian life. If Christ has not been raised, the consequences are terrible. But Christ has indeed been raised, and this is our great hope.

**19 Jul 2020**

**1 Corinthians 15:29-58**

**Living With The End In Mind – Resurrection As God's Good News**

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**OBSERVATION AND INTERPRETATION**

1. What would Paul do differently if he stopped expecting resurrection? (Verses 30-32)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How does Paul refute the objection that a resurrected, eternal body is hard to conceive of?
  - a. Verses 36-38
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Verses 39-41
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. Verses 42-43
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - d. Verses 45-49

**APPLICATION**

3. How will the truth that “Death has been swallowed up in victory” affect your life today?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. How does 1 Corinthians 15 encourage you if you have lost a beloved believer to death?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What does Paul want us to do between now and our deaths? How should the fact of Christ's resurrection and the promise of your own affect your attitudes and actions?

## **REFLECTION**

How can you offer yourself to die every day?

How can you risk life and comfort for the Gospel?

Write down a key lesson that you have learnt from this study.

What is a key verse that you would like to take to heart?

## **PRAY**

Thank God for the death, burial, resurrection, and appearances of Christ.

Thank God for what these have accomplished in your life: the removal of sin, the hope of your own resurrection, and the meaning this gives to your life on earth now.

Praise Him that the Kingdom will be fulfilled and handed over to the Father, and that all current powers will be rendered null.

Ask the Lord to impress the hope of the resurrection firmly on your heart, so that you will risk your life and comfort for the sake of the Gospel.

Pray for each member of your small group to fully grasp the implications of this hope.

## **DISCIPLESHIP POINTERS**

The resurrection will be bodily, real, and glorious. With our future secured, we must give ourselves to the work of the Lord in the present.

**26 Jul 2020**

**1 Corinthians 16:1-24**

**Living To Support Kingdom Work**

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Paul had some hard words for the Corinthians, but he closes with love and a confidence that they will remain as devoted to him as he to them. Observe the workings of the first century church as you read this passage.

**OBSERVATION AND INTERPRETATION**

1. What can we learn about the priorities, attitudes, lifestyle, and practices of the early Christians from this passage? Write down everything you observe, especially what Paul mentions as examples of Christ-like living.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What do you think Paul wants the Corinthian Christians to learn from the above examples?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What does Paul say about how the local Corinthian church should relate to churches elsewhere?

**APPLICATION**

4. Are there any attitudes, priorities, or practices of the early church that you think you should imitate? What are they and how can you act on them?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What are the areas covered in 1 Corinthians which ORPC most needs to hear? How could you help ORPC to become more like Paul's goal for the Corinthian church?

## **REFLECTION**

In what ways are you involved with Christians in other countries?

Write down a key lesson that you have learnt from this study.

What is a key verse that you would like to take to heart?

## **PRAY**

Thank God for His grace and for the ways in which His Holy Spirit has encouraged you from His Word in 1 Corinthians (be specific)

Ask God to help you change to be more loving members of your church.

## **DISCIPLESHIP POINTERS**

We serve our church by remembering we are part of God's people worldwide and following examples of Christians who show a strong love for Jesus and His people.