

1 Corinthians study
Fall 2020
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**Week 2 study guide “Growing Up”
1 Corinthians 3-5.**

Read through chapters 3-5. Underline verses that stand out. Jot down questions you have.

Have you ever needed to share a hard truth with a brother or sister in Christ? Briefly recount it here.

When giving a word of warning, or sharing a hard truth, what are some practical ways we can seek to be more loving so that we don't come across as judging or shaming?

Read 1 Corinthians 4:14. What was not Paul's intent in writing to the Corinthians?

What was his true motive?

Have you ever been on the receiving end of a hard truth a brother or sister shared with you? Briefly recount it here.

When receiving a word of warning or hard truth, remember to be humble, consider the source, and ask God to confirm the areas pointed out.

Read Psalm 141:5. What does the Psalmist compare godly correction to in the verse?

Is the Lord calling you to take this posture in a current situation right now?

The Corinthians valued Paul's opinion and asked him for advice in a specific matter. Who could you ask for help when you go off course spiritually?

Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 and write down the types of materials Paul lists. Then write down what Paul says should be the foundation.

Materials:

Foundation:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Read the following passages and note what they have to say about the foundation of a structure.
Matthew 7:24-27

Acts 4:11-12

What are some things that people sometimes build their lives upon that isn't Jesus Christ?

At different times in your life, did you have a foundation other than Jesus?

Are there scriptures that you could memorize and then recite to remind yourself that Jesus Christ is the foundation of your life?

Read Colossians 1:18. What does this verse tell you about Jesus?

How does recognizing that Christ is the head of the church and the firm foundation for all believers affect your thinking about our differences?

What are some of your gifts and abilities that you can use to the glory of God to serve others this week? Pray that God would help you take a posture or service that would be evident to others this week.

What has a time of suffering or persecution revealed about your faith?

After reading about the sinful man in 1 Corinthians 5, you can read the rest of the story in 2 Corinthians 2:4-11. What new instructions did Paul give to the church in Corinth?

Do you gain any insights into Paul's attitude and motive for instructing them previously to remove the man?

What have you learned about the positive benefits that can come from properly carrying out loving discipline?

Name a few people who you have differences with right now who you want to love well during the disagreement. Commit to praying for them this week.

Continue to read 1 Corinthians this week and ask God to use Scripture to make you more and more into the image and likeness of God's son Jesus Christ. I will see you next week!

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Don't forget our gathering in the commons on Sunday evenings October 25th, and November 8th from 6:30-8:00pm. Masks strongly encouraged.

(October 11th's gathering has been cancelled.)