

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 Corinthians 1-4: The Cross Shaped Life

Sermon: 1 Corinthians 1:1-17

Date: Sunday, September 14, 2025

1. Paul reminds the Corinthians that they are “sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints.” How does seeing our identity as something God gives us through Christ and the gospel—rather than something we earn or achieve—change the way we live day to day?
2. In vv.4-9 Paul tells the Corinthians they have been given three things: the grace of God, the speech and knowledge of God, and the assurance of God’s faithfulness. What does this teach us about God’s grace working in and through imperfect people?
3. In vv.10-17 Paul addresses the divisions among the Corinthians. Why is disunity so dangerous in the church? How does it affect our ability to reach the community around us with the gospel?
4. Some of the Corinthians tried to find their identity through patronage, aligning themselves with human leaders (Paul, Apollos, Peter) instead of Christ (vv.10-12). What are some modern ways Christians fall into similar camps or factions? How can we keep Christ at the center?

Prayer Focus: Pray for a deeper focus on the goodness and grace of God. Give thanks for the redemption we have in Christ. Ask the Holy Spirit to keep our hearts and minds fixed on Jesus, guarding us from being pulled in other directions. Pray for boldness and opportunities to share the hope of the gospel with those in the broken world around us.