## THE CORINTHIANS – A CITY CHURCH DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 COR. 1:1-9

1	Did you grow up in a rural or urban environment? How do you feel about city living?
	What are your favorite things and most frustrating things about living in Salt Lake?
	What do you think about verses like Heb. 11:16; Rev. 21:1-2; Jer. 29:7 Micah 6:9?
	In 1800 only 3% of the world's population lived in cities. By 1900, 14% of the population lived in cities. By 1980 it was up to 40%. In 2000, 50% of the world's population was urban. It is expected that by 2050, 80% of people around the globe will dwell in cities. What impact do you think urbanization should have on the way we think about missions and ministry?
	■ What are some ways our church could be more missionally effective in Salt Lake City?
2	How forgetful are you, and what sort of things do you tend to forget? Have you ever forgotten something which led to a comedic moment or serious problem?
	Read 1 Cor 1:1-9. What are some of the positive blessings of God that Paul wants the Corinthians to remember?
	♥ What are some of the things God has given you in Christ that you most often struggle remembering?
	Do you tend to focus on what you haven't been given rather than what you have? What are some strategies that might help us recall God's generosity?

3	Which are you more aware of in your church: the flaws that need correction or the evidences of God's grace? Why do you think that is?		
	♥ How does Paul's introduction challenge the "fault-finder" in each of us?		
	♥ What is something you can thank God for in our church?		
	♥ How have you experienced God's grace this week?		
4	Paul was hinting at some things in his introduction to 1 Corinthians. He was laying a foundation for future d the book, what are some important seed thoughts Paul is planting from the start (hint: think about "apostle," "gift")?	iscussions. From your knowledge of ''sanctified," "fellowship," "peace"	
5	In 1 Cor. 1:9, Paul highlights the faithfulness of God and the Lordship of Christ. Which of those is most encour in your situation, and why?	eaging or challenging to you right now	
	♥ In general, what implications does the faithfulness of God have on our lives?		
	What are some implications for life regarding the Lordship of Jesus?		