

1 **Read 1 Corinthians 16:13-14.** Paul speaks of the need for both courage and love. When it comes to spiritual living, which is the greater challenge for you? Why is that?

♥ *Why are both courage and love such important and needed qualities for Christ's church today?*

2 **What are some of the ways interdependence was expressed in the first century church?** How do you think it is (or could be) expressed now?

🗨️ *What do you think is our responsibility to churches in other places where people face persecution and hardship?*

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


3 **As you examine Paul's closing to 1 Corinthians, what stands out to you about the nature of Christian relationships?** What did it take for the relationships he mentions to grow to the point that Paul could speak of them the way he did?

♥ *How can you deepen your relationships with other believers?*


🗨️ *Think especially of Paul's relationship with Aquila and Priscilla. What are some ways people can leverage their lives and businesses for the cause of the Gospel like they did?*


♥ *Who do you know that has done this well, and what stands out to you about their life?*

4 What is one particular insight from 1 Corinthians 16 that challenges your notion or practice of leadership?

 *How should the leadership of the church be different from what we see in the world around us?*


5 Read 1 Cor 16:5-7. What stands out to you about Paul's attitude towards his own plans? How and why is it different or counter-cultural from how the people naturally approach decision making?

 *In what areas are you seeking to discern and do God's will right now?*


 *What would it look like to follow Paul's example in your own pursuit of God's will?*


6 Paul includes a section of teaching on giving financially in the closing of his letter to the Corinthians. In what ways can giving money be an act of worship?


 *What steps could people take to apply Paul's principles about giving in 1 Corinthians 16:1-2?*

 *What are some of the struggles people face when it comes to giving money for God's work?*

7 As you come to the end of 1 Corinthians, how has the Spirit been changing you and challenging you through the study of this book?

 *Think about themes like: wisdom, what it means to be "spiritual," divisions in the church, judging, pride, law suits, sexual morality, marriage, rights and freedoms, temptation to sin, the Lord's Supper, gifts of the Spirit, the body of Christ, love, the resurrection, or giving.*

 *How has the Spirit been encouraging you about what the church is and what it could be?*

 *What message or theme from this series was most strengthening for your faith? What was the hardest message or theme for you to receive?*