



Family Group Study Guide

1 Corinthians 1:1-17

Observation (What do you see? What does it say?)

These answers should come from the text itself.

Simply read the passage and answer it using the words of Scripture.

1. Who are the identified authors? (1)
2. How did Paul become an apostle? (1)
3. Who is the letter addressed to? (2)
4. How is the church described? (2)
5. What usual greeting does Paul greet them with? (2)
6. What does Paul do in verse 4? What is he thankful for? (4)
7. How has the church been enriched in Christ? (5)
8. What was confirmed in the church? (6)
9. What is the church not lacking in? What are they eagerly awaiting? (7)
10. What will Jesus do to the end? When will He do it? (8)

11. How is God described? How are we called into fellowship with Jesus? (9)
12. Who is being exhorted? In whose name? (10)
13. What exhortations are given? There are five. (10)
14. What has Paul been informed of by Chloe's people? (11)
15. Who are the people claiming to be "of?" (12)
16. What three questions does Paul ask? (13)
17. What is Paul thankful for? (Why will be answered in the next section) (14-15)
18. Why was he thankful for it? (15)
19. Who else did Paul baptize? (16)
20. Why did Christ send Paul into the world? (17)

Interpretation (What does it mean?)

These answers should come from Holy Spirit-filled study, considering content, context, cross-reference, culture, and consultation (using your Bible, Bible dictionaries, handbooks, concordances, commentaries, word studies, atlases, systematic theologies, etc).

1. How do we know Paul wrote Corinthians? Who is Sosthenes? (1)
2. What two descriptions are given of the church in Corinth? Why is that significant? (2)
3. What does it mean to be “enriched” in Christ? (5)
4. What does “not lacking in any gift” mean?
5. What does it mean to be “confirmed to the end?” What about “beyond reproach?” (8)
6. What kind of division is going on in verses 10-12?
7. What is Paul trying to say with the baptism references in verses 13-17?

Implication (How are you changing?)

These answers should come from your heart as it is transformed by the Holy Spirit’s use of His Word in you. Different from “applications,” which can be varied and many, implications are the certain experiential results of the passage for all believers, though they won’t be identical.

1. What should the greeting in verses 1-4 communicate to us? How should this frame our thinking about church and Christianity in general?

2. What kind of confidence do verses 5-9 give us?

3. What is the importance of Paul's addressing division in verses 11-17?