

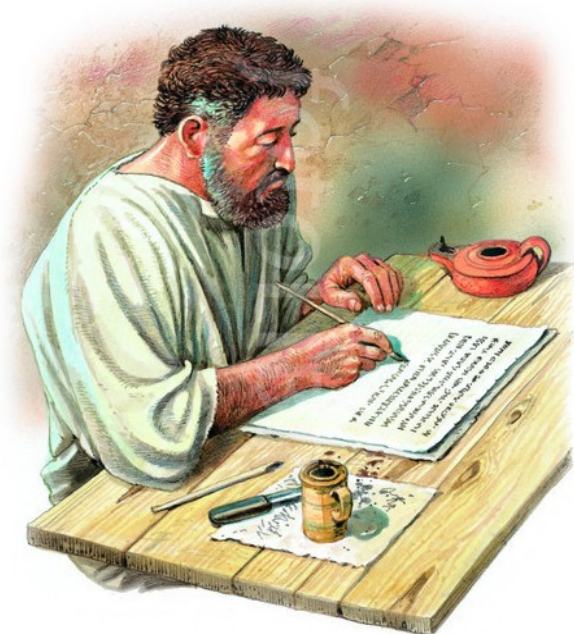
The First Letter to the Corinthians

Discussion Leader: John Dooman

Learning Objectives for this study

At the end of this quarter, you should be able to

- Give a high-level (approximately chapter-by-chapter) outline of the letter
- Explain the principles behind the remedies for each of the problems addressed
- Describe those principles in terms of how to make a church family work effectively
- Cite parallels between the Corinthian culture and our own
- List several 'difficult' passages and explain why they are difficult
- List current practices that are derived from a particular understanding of those 'difficult' passages
- Explain how we can be united as followers of Christ, even in our differences



That's an ambitious list, and achieving it will depend on both ends of our learning partnership doing our part. As discussion facilitator, I will do what I can to suggest discussion topics that will expose us to the text in ways that can achieve it. You will have the hard part – studying the text and outside references.

The mode of the class will be guided discussion. I will attempt to suggest by homework questions things to think about and research out of class. We will then discuss the text as enlightened by your perspectives from your individual study.

I do not have all the answers. What we learn as a group in this class will be what we *as a group* bring to it.

Because we have only about 18 hours of study time for the entire quarter, I urge you to be to class on time whenever possible. It will minimize the disruption to the other learners, and maximize our learning time.