

THE CHURCH GROWING IN TRUTH AND LOVE

SESSION ONE JOURNAL CHAPTERS 1-5



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The heart behind this journal

Hello Cheney Faith Center Family,

This journal is a walk through the book of 1st Corinthians. It's designed to help you dig deep into God's Word, process mentally and spiritually, theological concepts that define our lives as believers, and motivate each of us to live for Jesus daily. You will find several practical ways to interact with the letter of 1st Corinthians and develop some good spiritual habits you can use all your life. As with most things, you will get as much out of this experience as you put into it.

Ist Corinthians is an important book for us today because there are many parallels between the church in Corinth and with the church today. Corinth was a large metropolitan city in its day. It was modern and progressive, the people valued their independence and their actions reflected individualism. The city was polytheistic, mixing the Roman and Greek gods and the myths that were abundant during their time-period. As you can see, their culture was much like ours, therefore, the words Paul is writing to the Corinthian church are applicable to us as well.

There are several important Biblical concepts spread throughout the letter of 1st Corinthians that we will be exploring in depth. We noticed two major themes that hold most of the Biblical concepts in check, and it's a balance between Truth and Love.

Truth and Love guide us as we live out the gospel of Jesus, fulfill our responsibilities as the Church, endeavour to live holy and ethical lives, and celebrate the power of Jesus resurrection in our everyday lives. As we study this letter we will discover the importance of having a balance of truth and love as we know Jesus and live for Him daily.

The in-depth study of God's Word is very exciting and profitable for our lives, and I'm looking forward to begin. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you each day that you spend with God in 1st Corinthians.

Lastly, because we are studying this book together as a church, my hope is that you will take your learning to the next level and discuss it with another person or small group of people. This is a great opportunity to connect, pray and grow together as we study God's Word.

Thanks for joining us in a study through the letter of 1st Corinthians.

In Christ, Pastor Mark

CFC connection reminders

Community

During this first session we are not publicly running Lifeteams or Zoom groups. We are encoruaging people to meet with those who are in their sphere or relational context. Dialouge over these readings with others in the church or that you hang out with.

Prayer

We would love to pray with you and for you. Fill out a prayer request on our website or call the church office Mon-Thurs, or come to a in-person gathering on a Sunday for prayer.

Other ways to connect

Email Updates:

Visit our website to get signed up for our weekly email. Note: make sure to check your spam/junk folder in your email.

Text Updates:

Text the word **CFCCHURCH** to the number **43506** to recieve text updates.

Social Media: Search Cheney Faith Center







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How to use this Journal:

We wanted to give you a journal that helps you truly own your faith, contend in prayer, and connect with others. Below is an explanation of the journal components.

Every week you will have five days of content to read, write, and reflect. *The more you put in to this process, the more you will get out of it.*

Sermon notes:

To help digest and take in what God is speaking, we have a day devoted to take notes from our Sunday sermon series based in 1st Corinthians. Every week we are dialouging through a chapter in 1st Corinthians for our sermon series.

Reading of the text:

There are two days devoted to reading that week's chapter and either answering reflection questions, or taking a moment to pray and allow the Holy Spirit to speak in a personal way.

Scripture memorization:

We are called to place the Word of God in our hearts, so we wanted to specifically place value in memorizing a scripture from that week's chapter. You will notice that we also have provided some tools to help in the process of memorization.

Sharing:

We shouldn't do this Christian life alone. Tell someone what you are learning, share what God is doing in your life with others in the church family. Pray for others and be an impact in your relational contexts.

With the journal being structured in a 5 day week, use the other 2 days to make up for missed days of content or to be of service to others in your context.

Prayer Requests:

Praise Reports:

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Read and Reflect

Read all of chapter one of 1st Corinthians and answer the questions below.

What truth does God want me to know?

How does God want me to live?

Where do you go for wisdom (be honest don't give the Sunday school answer) and how does it line up with Godly wisdom?

Memorize

Read through and memorize this week's verse. Practice your memorization below.

1st Cor 1:10 (NLT)

I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.

Why we chose this verse: During this time there have been many competing voices. The church is meant to be unified under Jesus and together on mission for Jesus. We wanted to remind ourselves that our unity is essential and is also under attack during this season.

Practice:

Cover the above verse and try to fill in the blanks.

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Read and Pray

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Share and Tell

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1st Corinthians Chapter 2

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Read all of chapter two of 1st Corinthians and answer the questions below.

What truth does God want me to know?

How does God want me to live?

Write out your thoughts on verse 9-10, how does this encourage you in this moment?

Memorize

Read through and memorize this week's verse. Practice your memorization below.

1st Cor 2:12 (NLT)

And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

Why we chose this verse: God has given us so much, in Christ. It's easy to lose sight of what we have in Christ when we focus on the world instead of what the Holy Spirit is telling us.

Practice:

Cover the above verse and try to fill in the blanks.

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Read and Reflect

Read all of chapter three of 1st Corinthians and answer the questions below.

What truth does God want me to know?

How does God want me to live?

What does it mean to build on the foundation of Christ, and how can you do that right now?

<u>Memorize</u>

Read through and memorize this week's verse. Practice your memorization below.

1st Cor 3:16 (NLT)

Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you?

Why we chose this verse: One of our most precious gifts from God is the Holy Spirit dwelling inside of each of us. We wanted to be reminded that what we need now, more than anything els, is the indwelling of the Spirit to help us live for Jesus.

Practice:

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Read and Reflect

Read all of chapter four of 1st Corinthians and answer the questions below.

What truth does God want me to know?

How does God want me to live?

Expand on verse 20 and 21, how does this challenge you in your current walk with Jesus?

Memorize

Read through and memorize this week's verse. Practice your memorization below.

1st Cor 4:20 (AMP)

For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God's power.

Why we chose this verse: We need to be reminded regularly that our God is a miracle-working God. We can serve Him intellectually, but let us not lose sight of our ability to have faith and see God do powerful things in our midst as we contend in prayer.

Practice:

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Read and Reflect

Read all of chapter five of 1st Corinthians and answer the auestions below.

What truth does God want me to know?

How does God want me to live?

Let's get personal. What sin is in your life that is like a little yeast that is starting to spread? Write out a prayer of confession and forgiveness from that sin.

<u>Memorize</u>

Read through and memorize this week's verse. Practice your memorization below.

1st Cor 5:12-13 (TPT)

What right do I have to pronounce judgment on unbelievers? That's God's responsibility. But those who are inside the church family are our responsibility to discern and judge.

Why we chose this verse: We often hear people say, "don't judge me". This verse brings clarity to a challenging situation. We are to judge one another inside the church because our holiness outside the church represents Jesus.

Practice:

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