

A New Look at Corinthians

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Questions to consider, discuss or journal.

1. What assumptions have you held about the first letter to the Corinthians?
2. The Author sets the scene in sharing context of where Paul might have been when he wrote the letter to the Corinthians, the travel that was involved in alerting him of the issues of the church at Corinth, and more about Chloe's household. How does the context help in our understanding of the letter?
3. Does the conflict in Corinth over differing cultural and social backgrounds resonate with conflicts in your own church community? How so?
4. Many of the conflicts in Corinth were related to how the members were treating each other. What could you do today in your church community to strengthen relationships and build up trust?
5. The Author discusses Chapter 11 and 13 and the role of women in the Corinth ecclesia. How does this align or misalign with your prior interpretation? How does your church community demonstrate the teachings of Paul regarding a woman having authority and keeping peace while sharing their God given spirit gifts?
6. What are the greatest strengths of your church community? How did you foster an environment that lead to this outcome?
7. Some of the believers in Corinth were more concerned with the doctrines and philosophies of their religion and missed the calling of Jesus to love one another. Have you been guilty of this?
8. Have you been moved to cry 'Maranatha Tha' in response to witnessing the suffering in the world and creatures across the planet?
9. How do you respond to the blessing of living in victory as members of the Kingdom now? What can you do to make this feel like more of a reality?