

The Church and Its Ministers: Paul's Teaching on the Spirit, Building, and the Wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1–4)

Day and Time: Wednesdays 8:00-9:00 PM ET

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Class Size: Limit of 20

When people speak of “returning to the New Testament church,” they usually don’t have the church in Corinth in mind. The Corinthians were proud, fleshly, divided, and full of all manners of unhealthy teaching and discordant practices. Yet out of all the churches Paul ministered to, it was to this church that he made himself the most vulnerable, poured out the most of his heart to, and showed what it is to live like an apostle. The beginning four chapters of the first epistle to the Corinthians lays the spiritual foundation of Paul’s corrective letter to the church, touching on the true nature of the church’s relationship with the servants of God and the gospel they preach.

In this class, formatted as a round-table bible study, we will dive into these first four chapters of 1 Corinthians. Through inductive bible study, open discussion, and reflection, we aim to discover the riches of the word together as a group. May the Spirit lead us into all the depths of God, things which “God has prepared for those who love Him” (1 Cor. 2:9)!

Syllabus (Week by week):

1. 1 Corinthians 1:1–9
2. 1 Corinthians 1:10–19
3. 1 Corinthians 1:29–30
4. 1 Corinthians 2:1–9
5. 1 Corinthians 2:9–16
6. 1 Corinthians 3:1–9
7. 1 Corinthians 3:10–22
8. 1 Corinthians 4:1–9
9. 1 Corinthians 4:10–21