



# 1 Corinthians

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with problems*

## Life Group Notes – 1 Corinthians 16 (Part 18)

Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-4

- Why did Paul ask the believers in Corinth to make a collection for the believers in Jerusalem? (see Acts 11:27-30, 24:17, Romans 15:26). How did Paul view the different church gatherings? (see 1 Corinthians 1:2).
- Paul asks for the offering to be made on the first day of every week (the Sunday). This was the day the believers chose to meet for worship, do you believe that our worship should include a financial offering? Why?
- How much money should we give to the church?
- What other principles for giving do you notice in these verses?

Read 1 Corinthians 16:5-9

- Why do you think Paul was so keen to spend time with the believers in Corinth? What is our approach to spending time with other believers?
- Why does he choose to remain in Ephesus? How can we recognise “great doors” in our own life?
- How does Paul respond to opposition? (see Acts 19:23-31) How should we view opposition in our own lives?
- Do these verses teach us anything else about Paul’s approach to ministry?

Read 1 Corinthians 16:10-18

- What insights to these verses give us about how the early church worked?
- Why are verses 13-14 so important for Corinthian church (and us!)?
- Why do you think Paul encourages the Corinthians to submit to the household of Stephanas? Are there believers who we should submit to?

Read 1 Corinthians 16:19-24

- Does anything stand out to you about Paul’s sign-off? Why?
- Which part of Paul’s 1<sup>st</sup> letter to the Corinthians have you found the most challenging and why?