

1 Corinthians

*A love affair
with problems*



Life Group Notes – Week Five

Icebreaker: describe yourself in 4 words.

- In contrast to the hero worship they were receiving from the church in Corinth, how do Paul and his co-workers wish to be regarded (verse 1)?
- What does Paul mean by "the mysteries God has revealed"?
- In verse 2 Paul says "that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful." Faithful in what?
- Read Matthew 25:14-30 what does this parable of Jesus' teach us about our responsibility as believers?
- What does Paul mean when he says "I do not even judge myself" (verse 3)?
- In what ways can our judgment of ourselves be wrong?
- Why do you think Paul told the Corinthians "do not go beyond what is written" (verse 6)?
- The questions in verse 7 are designed to reveal the pride at the heart of the Corinthian church (see also 1:26-31), how should a Christian view pride? (Proverbs 11:2, John 13:14-17)
- In verse 8 Paul is using sarcasm and irony to make his point, why does he do this?
- In what ways are Christians put on display in today's world (verse 9)?
- In verses 11-13, Paul gives a graphic description of his three years in Ephesus from his arrival there right up to the writing of this letter to the Corinthians. What does Paul's life exemplify?
- How would imitating Paul's way of life (verse 16) require changes in your thinking and actions?