

A Beautiful Mess: The Beginning of I Corinthians
Core Group Discussion Guide
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Message Overview:

Today we begin a brand new sermon series studying the book of I Corinthians. In this series we will constantly be asking the question, “What does this book tell us about the church?” The first four messages of this series are foundational to understanding who we are as a church. This message will examine the unlikely way God constructs his Kingdom and his church. Understanding God’s philosophy and method of construction will have profound effects on the way we see others in the church as well as how we live and operate as a body. The primary principle found in chapter one is that God often uses seemingly powerless and foolish things to build his kingdom. What does this mean for the church? Lets talk about that!

Text:

- I Corinthians I

Questions for Discussion:

1. Can we think back to the way Corinth and the church there was described. What about the city and the church stood out to you?
2. What similarities are there between the Corinthian culture and our own?
3. In your view, what groups of people have the least power or influence in our area?
 - a. How have you seen powerless people display God’s glory?
4. Do you think God is asking us to become stupid or unwise? (vs 1:27-28)
 - a. If not, what do you think God is asking of us?
5. How have you seen Godly humility displayed by people who are wise or powerful? Or “What does Godly humility actually look like?”

Other Questions Based on the Message: