

Scripture this week:

1 Corinthians 16:1-24

¹ Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. ² On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come. ³ And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem. ⁴ If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me. ⁵ I will visit you after passing through Macedonia, for I intend to pass through Macedonia, ⁶ and perhaps I will stay with you or even spend the winter, so that you may help me on my journey, wherever I go. ⁷ For I do not want to see you now just in passing. I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits. ⁸ But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, ⁹ for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries. ¹⁰ When Timothy comes, see that you put him at ease among you, for he is doing the work of the Lord, as I am. ¹¹ So let no one despise him. Help him on his way in peace, that he may return to me, for I am expecting him with the brothers. ¹² Now concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to visit you with the other brothers, but it was not at all his will to come now. He will come when he has opportunity. ¹³ Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

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1 Corinthians 16:1-24 cont.

¹⁴ Let all that you do be done in love. ¹⁵ Now I urge you, brothers— you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints— ¹⁶ be subject to such as these, and to every fellow worker and laborer. ¹⁷ I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence, ¹⁸ for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such people. ¹⁹ The churches of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. ²⁰ All the brothers send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. ²¹ I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. ²² If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! ²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. ²⁴ My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

How We Live: The Big Ideas

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God's Church includes lots of people.

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Life Group Discussion Questions

Based on 1 Corinthians 16:1-24

Reading the Text:

1. Paul begins the last chapter with '*Now concerning...*' (See also 7:1, 7:25, 8:1, and 16:12). What might this mean regarding why Paul brings up the issue of a collection for the saints?
2. What principles or values of Paul's do we see expressed in vv. 5 - 9?
3. How do the individual statements in vv. 13 and 14 relate back to any of the previous sections of the letter? How would you summarize Paul's encouragement to the Corinthians in your own words?
4. What do we learn about the early church experience from vv. 19 - 24?

Knowing the Full Picture:

5. Read Acts 18. Obviously, the Corinthians knew Aquila and Prisca well. What might their '*hello*' and the '*hearty greetings in the Lord*' from the church in their home mean to the Corinthian believers?

Living It Out:

6. What do you think would have been the greatest challenges to being a Christian in Corinth in the first century? Not having a written Bible? Not having Paul close by? Being surrounded by opposing worldviews...?
7. What are the things in our lives today that make it difficult for us to '*stand firm in the Lord*'?
8. '*Let all that we do be done in love*'. How will we know if we are not doing something in a loving way, or with a loving motivation? And, if we aren't, how do we grow in our love for others?
9. What will you take from 1 Corinthians to hang on to, to remember, that has changed your thinking, feeling, or behavior?