

# ACTS EMPOWERED FOR JESUS'S MISSION

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## Part 40 | 1 Corinthians: Gospel Sanity 1 Corinthians (Acts 18:1-17)

### The Church's **SANITY**

**unity & order v. division & chaos** 1:10-17; 3:1-23; 12:13



**the Spirit's wisdom v. human foolishness** 1:18-24; 2:1-5, 14; 3:2 Hebrews 5:11-14; 1 Pet. 2:2

### in a world gone **CRAZY**

**immorality & idolatry** 5:1-13; 7:1-40; 9:24-27; 10:1-13

**lawsuits & loyalties** 6:1-20; 9:19-27; 10:23-33; 1:10-17

### is **THE GOSPEL**.



**serve, give, love one another** 12:7ff; 13:1-13; 16:13-14

**It's All About Jesus!** 15:1-4ff



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## PAUL'S 1ST LETTER TO THE *Corinthians*

Each time Paul wraps up his ministry to a church or individual in Acts whom he later writes a letter to, we'll take a week to give an overview of what he wrote to them. **This week we're in 1 Corinthians.**

**Where in Acts?** Acts 18:1-17

**Why did Paul write them?**

A couple years after spending 18 months there, Paul writes to address some divisions in the church and answer questions they had about how to live as Christians in a decadent culture gone mad.

**Key Verses**

1:10 – A plea for unity in the church  
1:18 – the foolishness & power of the cross  
13:1-13 – the power of Christian love  
15:3-4 – the Gospel

**Basic Outline**

**SECTION 1:**  
Paul addresses problems of division and disorder in the church. (1:1-6:20)  
**SECTION 2:**  
Paul answers questions of the church on how to live in their crazy culture. (7:1-16:24)

**Key Topics**

- Church Unity
- Marriage
- Spiritual Gifts & Love
- Sexual Ethics
- Idolatry
- Resurrection

We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.



## Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

### Welcome to Life Group!

#### Getting to Know You

Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, here's two totally *random* questions to discuss and break the ice as you get going. Have everyone answer at least one:

1. Have you created any art in the past five years?
2. If you were a doctor which specialty would you choose?

#### Priming the Pump...

- As you think back on this week's message, what one or two statements or points are most important for you to remember and why?

**Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching,** was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

### Digging Deeper

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. .

1. This weekend we saw following Jesus will often seem foolish to those who don't know God. At times it may even feel that way to us when we compare it to our old way of living! Are there any attitudes or actions that are a part of your life now that you would have thought were foolish in the past?
2. The Apostle Paul knew the Gospel is great news when it comes to life after death for the believer, which is why he wrote so much about it in 1 Corinthians 15. While there is a lot we still don't know about eternity (How can finite minds ever fully understand eternity?), there is much in the Bible to give us great hope regarding it. What hope or confidence does **1 Corinthians 15:51-57** give to you?

<sup>51</sup> Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— <sup>52</sup> in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup> For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. <sup>54</sup> When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." <sup>55</sup> "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" <sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-57 (NIV)**

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# Welcome to Wawasee!

## OUR VALUES

These are things you'll see to be true about us...



### 1. It's All About Jesus!

You'll hear us say this often.—Why? Because *it's all about Jesus!* Apart from his death, burial, and resurrection we're wasting our time.



### 2. God Wrote it All Down

God wrote a book—and we are to believe the Bible in all that it teaches, obey it in all it requires, and trust it in all that it promises.



### 3. All People Matter

No matter who you are, where you're from, what you've done, or what's been done to you—you *matter to Jesus and you matter to us!*



### 4. We All Need Friends

You were designed to belong, not to go through life alone. Jesus created each of us desiring friendship and to live in community.



### 5. No Sacred Cows

Jesus is sacred, God's Word is sacred, *but our opinions, methods, and traditions are not*—we'll let go of any of them if more people can experience life change through the Gospel!

## Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

### Word Find: 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 (NIRV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>1</sup> **Brothers** and **sisters**, I want to **remind** you of the **good news** I **preached** to you. You **received** it and have put your **faith** in it.

<sup>2</sup> **Because** you **believed** the **good news**, you are **saved**. But you must **hold firmly** to the **message** I **preached** to you.

If you don't, you have **believed** it for **nothing**. <sup>3</sup> What I **received** I **passed** on to you. And it is the **most important** of all. **Here** is what it is.

**Christ** **died** for our **sins**, **just** as **Scripture** **said** he would. <sup>4</sup> He was **buried**. He was **raised** from the **dead** on the **third** day, **just** as **Scripture** **said** he would be.

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## life groups Study Guide (continued)

- How could looking at our lives through the lens of eternity affect our priorities, our time and our relationships?
- The gateway to eternity for everyone is death. Despite the fact that “nothing is certain but death and taxes,” we generally don't talk much about it. How could a person's understanding about Heaven and eternity shape how they view and approach death?
- Paul concludes his discussion of Christ's resurrection and the eternal life it provides for believers with a call to action in **1 Corinthians 15:58**. What catches your attention most about his concluding instructions?

<sup>58</sup> “Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you.

Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. **1 CORINTHIANS 15:58 (NIV)**

3. In 1 Corinthians, Paul calls out the church for not allowing the Gospel to saturate every part of their lives. He identifies problem issues in the church such as divisions, sexual immorality, lawsuits among believers and the lack of love, to name just a few. In **1 Corinthians 3:1-4**, he has strong words about their spiritual immaturity. How would you describe it in your own words?

- How would you describe what spiritual maturity looks like? (One thought: consider our 5 Outcomes... )
- Are there any situations you can think of where you've seen yourself acting worldly or as a spiritual infant?
- What do you think keeps people from moving on from acting worldly and like infants?

4. Paul understood that the path to spiritual maturity takes a partnership between God's Spirit working in our lives and us doing our part. He often used the analogy of athletic competition to help us understand our part in growing to maturity. How does **1 Corinthians 9:24-27** increase or affirm your understanding of what it takes to develop spiritual maturity?

## Close

As you close, take time to pray for each other.

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