

**Week 31 LEADER Discussion Questions**

**LEADERS: THANKS FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE TO LEAD YOUR GROUP FOR THESE PAST 31 WEEKS OF SERMONS OUT OF 1 CORINTHIANS! OUR HOPE IS THAT THIS HAS BEEN A GREAT SERIES FULL OF HELPFUL DISCUSSION AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR YOUR FAITH. WE PLAN NOW TO BREAK FOR THE SUMMER AND TO RESUME PROVIDING RESOURCES IN THE FALL.**

**Text:** 1 Cor 16

**Icebreaker:** What are you most looking forward to this summer?

**1.** Read this week's passage. What stands out from the text or sermon?

**2.** In verses 1-4, Paul gives instructions for giving to the church in Jerusalem. Why do you think Paul asks them to complete this before he arrives?

**It's possible there could be multiple reasons. For one, it would be more challenging to organize and collect all the giving if it had to wait until Paul visited. Second, it's likely that a last-minute collection would produce far less than planned giving over time. Even more, though, Paul likely does not want to be a part of the process. He doesn't want the Corinthians to give out of feeling manipulated or pressured by him. He wants this to be their own effort.**

What can we learn from these instructions to apply to our own giving?

**3.** In verses 5-11, Paul mentions both his own plans to visit and the plan to have Timothy visit too. What is Paul calling on the Corinthians to do for himself and Timothy?

**He's calling on them to help. The word "help" in both cases has to do with providing food, money, and other resources needed for travel. In addition, Paul is clearly looking for relational connection as well. Reading between the lines a bit, his hope is that he might be encouraged and Timothy too.**

What role do you think we can play in helping or partnering with others who are engaged in gospel ministry?

Examples of this include Calvary's local and global missions partners. We have a long history of helping to raise up, fund, send out, and encourage those who are engaged in ministry around the world.

4. Verses 15-18 call out the household of Stephanas as worthy of special respect. What is it about them that Paul commends?

The key description is that "they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints." They exhibit a level of commitment and labor in ministry that stands out.

Who is a role model in ministry that you look up to? What is it about them that makes them stand out to you?

5. What is one thing you will take away from this series in 1 Corinthians?