

## THE BOOK OF 1 CORINTHIANS

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### FOR THE TEACHING FACILITATOR/ LEADER

Before you meet:

- Read the relevant chapter of 1 Corinthians.
- Preview the video teaching for the session on RightNow Media.  
The Book of 1 Corinthians, with Jennie Allen  
[www.rightnowmedia.org](http://www.rightnowmedia.org)  
Log in and go to the Ruach Library and the link to the series is there.  
*You can also access the facilitators guide from the site, but we are providing an annotated version of that for you.*
- Read through the Ruach version of the facilitators guide for the relevant session and think about what you want to emphasise to your particular group. (Which really means “pray about what God wants to emphasise to your group”!)
- You may not be able cover all the discussion questions in the time you have. Choose which ones will you give priority to. We have put an asterisk (\*) next to a couple of questions each week that we think would be good to prioritise.
- Check that the technology to stream the video is available where your house church will be meeting.

In the meeting:

- Facilitate the teaching time in line with the facilitators guide.
  - Encourage discussion to stay focused around the approach this series is taking. The facilitators guide has three “we want to...” goals for each week – things to walk away knowing, feeling and doing differently as a result of the teaching.
  - Emphasise application of what you are all learning.
  - Include time for prayer.
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### SCHEDULE

**Monday Feb 3 – Saturday Feb 29** (3 sessions in a 4 week month)

**Sessions 1 – 3.** Covers 1 Corinthians chapters 1 – 4

**Monday March 2 – Saturday April 4** (4 sessions in a 5 week Sun/Mon/Tue month)

**Sessions 4 – 7.** Covers 1 Corinthians chapters 5 – 8

**Monday April 6 – Saturday May 2** (1 session in a month that includes Easter, school hols, Soul Survivor)

**Session 8.** Covers 1 Corinthians 9:1- 10:33

**Monday May 4 – Saturday June 6** (4 sessions in a 5 week Sun month. Plus 1<sup>st</sup> week of June for weekday groups)

**Sessions 9 – 12.** Covers 1 Corinthians chapters 11 -16

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### ENCOURAGEMENT FOR EVERYONE

Read the relevant chapter of 1 Corinthians in advance before you meet.

If you miss house church, catch up by watching the session on RightNow Media during the week.

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## SESSION 4: ROOT OUT SIN

### 1 CORINTHIANS 5:1 - 13

#### GETTING STARTED

**What are some subjects that used to be taboo—such as women covering their ankles or wearing a hat indoors or eating food with your hands—but are almost funny to think about happening now?**

This week we're tackling somewhat of a taboo topic: sexual sin within the church. But even with such a grim subject, we'll see the hope Jesus provides for us even though we sin.

We want to walk away:

- Knowing what it means to take sexual sin seriously in the context of the church and in our own lives.
- Feeling remorse over the sexual sin we've allowed to infect our lives and the church.
- Resolved to identify and turn away from our sexual sin and allow other Christians to encourage us to do so

#### READ 1 CORINTHIANS 5:1-13

**WATCH The Book of 1 Corinthians - Session 4 on RightNow Media (10 mins)**

#### DISCUSS

1. What's the problem Paul addresses in this chapter? What's Paul's solution to the problem?
- \* 2. What's your reaction to Paul's solution? Do you think it's too harsh, too mild, or somewhere in between?
3. Why do you think Paul took sexual sin so seriously? What does it say about the church—and Jesus—when we don't address sexual sin?
- \* 4. How do you feel about letting other Christians confront you about your sin? If you've already allowed other Christians to point out your sin, how did you respond?
5. What's one way you could be proactive about confronting the sin in your life this week?

#### CONCLUDE

Sexual sin has the potential to poison the church—and that's exactly what had happened in Corinth. We need to take this kind of sin seriously because Jesus's reputation, gospel, and people are worth protecting.

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## SESSION 5: SET SELFISHNESS ASIDE

### 1 CORINTHIANS 6:1 - 20

#### GETTING STARTED

**What's the craziest thing you've heard someone file a lawsuit over? What made the lawsuit seem irrational?**

This chapter in 1 Corinthians will wade into some more tricky issues—one of which is lawsuits.

We want to:

- Know that the others-centered life means we set aside selfishness for the sake of others and ourselves.
- Feel compelled to choose selflessness like Jesus did when it comes to sexual desires and lawsuits.
- Risk getting hurt by other Christians and risk unfulfilled sexual desire.

#### READ 1 CORINTHIANS 6:1-20

**Watch The Book of 1 Corinthians - Session 5 on RightNow Media (10 mins)**

#### DISCUSS

1. What's Paul saying about lawsuits and sexual desires in this chapter?
- \* 2. What thoughts and attitudes would you have to deal with in yourself if a Christian wronged you? What do you think you'd do in that situation?
- \* 3. What difference does it make in the way you think about yourself and others to know that your body isn't your own—it's Christ's?
4. When have you had to put your desires aside for the sake of another person? How did you feel in the moment? What did you learn?
5. What's one tangible way you could choose to be selfless this week toward one person in your life?

#### CONCLUDE

Sometimes the most loving thing we can do for another Christian is put our desires, hurt, or offense aside. When we are empathetic, forgiving, and loving, we act like Jesus who treated us the same way.

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## SESSION 6: KEEP STATION

### 1 CORINTHIANS 7:1 - 40

#### GETTING STARTED

#### What's your favourite romance story? Why is it your favourite?

God cares about our romantic relationships—whether we're married, single, divorced, or widowed. This session will walk through principles about how Christians should navigate romantic relationships.

We want to:

- Know what it means to be selfless in the context of our romantic relationships.
- Feel excited about God's purpose for relationships and the future hope we have in Jesus's return.
- Look for ways to put other people first, regardless of our relationship status.

#### READ 1 CORINTHIANS 7:1-40

Watch [The Book of 1 Corinthians - Session 6 on RightNow Media \(8 mins\)](#)

#### DISCUSS

- \* 1. What life stage are you in right now? What's best about it? What are some difficulties?
2. What's Paul's main message about our various life stages? After Jennie's teaching and reading 1 Corinthians 7, what do you think it means to "keep station"?
- \* 3. What does contentment look like for you? What helps you find that contentment even in difficult situations?
- \* 4. Think about the way you treat the significant people in your life. What do you think your actions towards them say to other people about your faith?
5. What's one thing you could do to selflessly serve a significant person in your life this week?

#### CONCLUDE

The way we treat each other and the way we act in our life stage reflects back on Christ. We can choose to be selfless, as Jesus was with us.

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## SESSION 7: TURN FROM PRIDE

### 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1 - 13

#### GETTING STARTED

#### What's something you've done or created that you're especially proud of?

It's not bad to be proud of getting a degree, raising a family, or writing a book. But the negative side of pride can do major damage in us—and that's what we're going to talk about this week.

We want to:

- Recognize the areas of pride in our own lives, particularly when it comes to other Christians.
- Feel humility in light of our areas of weakness.
- Reject certain practices that could cause other Christians to sin.

#### READ 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13

Watch [The Book of 1 Corinthians - Session 7 on RightNow Media \(9 mins\)](#)

#### DISCUSS

- \* 1. What resonated with you from Jennie's illustration about her sons? When have you felt like the older son? The younger?
2. What makes the Corinthians' actions in this chapter prideful? Where do you see a prideful attitude in your life?
3. What are some gray areas where you might have to "play at the level" of other Christians?
4. How would you feel if someone set aside one of their rights for your benefit? What kind of a difference would it make in your relationship with that person?
- \* 5. What could it look like for you to choose humility this week? Could you set aside a right? Meet another Christian's needs? Confess sin?

#### CONCLUDE

If we give into pride instead of humility, we can cause rifts between us and other Christians. Instead, we can choose to be humble and give up certain rights for the sake of other believers.