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Watch this video for an introduction to 1 Corinthians.

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Read all of 1 Corinthians chapter 1.

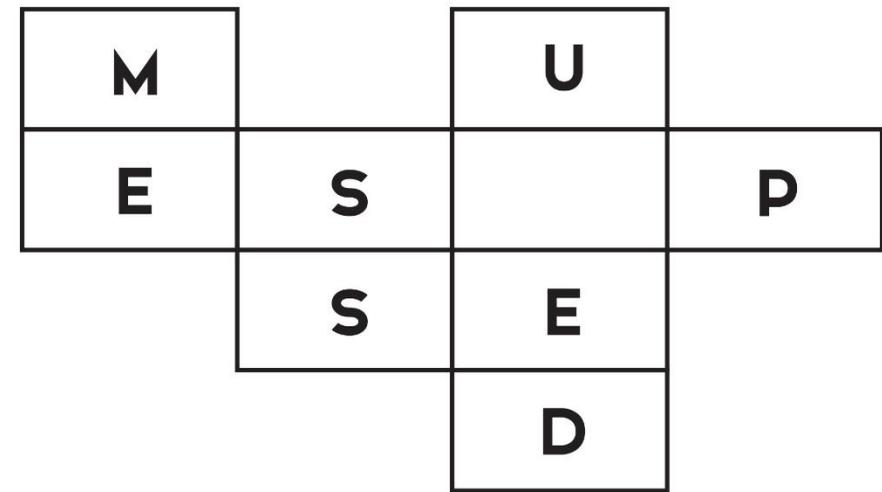
Study Questions

1. Who wrote 1 Corinthians and to whom was this letter written? **(v. 1-2)**
Approximately when was this letter written? Why did the author write this letter?
2. Who was Apollos and who was Peter? **(v.12) Read Acts 2:26-40.** What message did Peter preach? **Read Acts 9:1-20.** What message did Paul preach?
Read Acts 18:24-28. What message did Apollos preach?
3. In **verses 10-17**, Paul addresses a major problem that existed in the church at Corinth. What was the problem? How does Paul address the problem? Does this same problem exist today? Give examples.
4. Why did the message of the cross sound like foolishness to the Jews of Paul's day? Why did it sound like foolishness to the Greeks? **(v.22-23)** What are some reasons it may sound like foolishness to non-believers today? **Read 1 Peter 3:15.** If you are a believer, how would you explain the message of the cross to a non-believer?

Personal Reflection

1. **Read verses 4-9 again.** Paul opened this letter and others with words of encouragement. Why was it important for Paul to do this? Do you know a person or a group in need of encouragement? If so, write or call them with words of thanksgiving and encouragement.
2. Stop and consider what you want God to do in you, to move you away from, to move you toward, as you participate in this series?
3. Do you want Him to help you take steps...from immaturity to maturity? Instability to stability? Division to unity? Sexual immorality to purity? Jealousy and envy to contentment? Selfishness to love? Irreverence to reverence? Foolishness to wisdom?
4. If you had five words or less, how would you describe what you desire God to change in you as we study 1 Corinthians?

Heavenly Father, as we begin this new series in 1 Corinthians, I realize I live in a messed up world. I know because I live in a messed up world, I am messed up too. What do you want to change in me over the next 9 weeks? What do you want to move me from? Awake in me awareness of You, as you help me understand the importance of reverence. Equip me for my present life and continue to change me by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Thank You for loving me and moving me to a greater life in You. In Jesus Name I pray, Amen.



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