



Church-Wide Bible Study Metropolitan Baptist Church

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Tuesday night Bible Study is a time for the whole family. This is the schedule:

- 7:00 p.m. Prayer and Praise
- 7:30 Bible Study Begins
- 8:45 Bible Study Ends

- 6:45 Holliman Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study for Teens
- 8:00 p.m. Young Peoples Choir Rehearsal

Each one Reach One ...
Each one Bring One!

Beginning February 2, 2009

I Corinthians

Theme: Christian Conduct
Date: A.D. 55
Author: Apostle Paul
Setting: Ephesus

While the Apostle Paul is teaching and preaching in Ephesus (a city in which is now modern Turkey) during his third missionary journey, visitors arrive from the church at Corinth, a church he had planted in Greece some three years before. One group of the visitors reports disturbing news of factions, immorality, and lawsuits within the body of believers. Another group comes with difficult questions concerning marriage, divorce, eating food offered to idols, matters of public worship, and the resurrection of the body. Using his God-given power and authority as an apostle – one sent by God as a spokesman – Paul writes this first of two letters to believers in Corinth to firmly address their deplorable conduct and answer their questions.

LECTURE OUTLINE

1. Chapters 1 – 2 The Need for Unity
2. Chapter 3 The nature of True Spirituality
3. Chapters 4 - 11 The Problems in the Church
4. Chapters 12 – 16 Resources for Problems

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Paul's letter to the Corinthians is filled with many exhortations for the Corinthian believers to act like Christians. Their most serious problem is worldliness. They are unwilling to let go of the culture around them. They could not consistently separate themselves from their former pagan ways. Their old beliefs were undermining their present behavior.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR BIBLE AND A FRIEND!



Study Notes

Date _____

Text: _____

1. What does the Scripture say?

2. What questions does study text raise for you?

3. In what ways will this study text impact your behavior?

4. What is your spiritual gift (revealed by this study) and how will you use it?

Next weeks assignment:

Did you remember to bring someone to Bible Study?



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Lecture 2. I Corinthians 2:1-16

I. Understanding Paul

V. 1-3 How I preach

What I preach

Pain in my preaching

- A. He came speaking in **simplicity** - How do you tell the story of Jesus? V. 1-2 *With neither eloquence nor intellect.*
- B. He came speaking in fear – “The trembling anxiety to perform a duty.” V.3 The man who has this anxiety can produce an effect which artistry alone can never achieve.
- C. **GROUP ACTIVITY: IN WHAT MANNER DO YOU SHARE THE GOSPEL AND CLAIM OTHERS FOR CHRIST?**
- D. He came with results (demonstration). V.4 As a result of Paul's preaching **something happened**. It was the proof of **changed lives**.
Unless the Holy Spirit works in the listener's heart, the eloquence is ineffective.

II. Understanding Wisdom

- A. Two kinds of instruction
 - a. Kerygma – a herald's announcement from a king. What did the Herald announce?
 - b. Didache – teaching – the explanation of the meaning of the facts which had already been announced. V.7

- B. The Wisdom of God
 - A. “We speak the wisdom of God in a mystery. V. 7
 - B. Gk. *Mysterion* – something whose meaning is hidden from those who have not been initiated, but crystal clear to those who have.
 - C. The explanation of the mystery can only be given to **One who has already given his life and heart to Christ.**

III. **Spiritual Matters**

- A. The only person who can tell us about God is the Spirit of God.
- B. It is only possible to interpret spiritual things to **Spiritual people.**
- C. There are two kinds of persons:
 - a. **Pneumatikoi / pneuma = spirit, i.e., sensitive to and guided by the Holy Spirit**
 - b. **Psuchikos / Gk for soul – the principle of physical life. Everything alive has psuche but it has no pneuma. (cf. Acts 2: 1ff.)**

What makes you different?

“But we have the mind of Christ.” V.16

He dwells in us!

Let this mind be in you. (Phil.2:5)

I beseech you, therefore, brethren... (Romans 12:1ff.)

“Something within me!”

Next Week’s Assignment:

I Corinthians 3

Write a 1 page paper on the central theme of Chapter 3.