

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. What are some things we might be chosen for throughout life? Can you recall times when you've been disappointed because you were not chosen for something you wanted?
2. What do the following verses say about God's chosen people?
Deuteronomy 7:6; Ephesians 1:4; James 2:5; 1 Peter 2:9-10.

Read 1st Corinthians 1:1-9.

3. Considering what you know about the problems within the church in Corinth, how would the understanding of these truths help them while facing their problems?
4. What encouragement do YOU find in this passage?

Read 1st Corinthians 1:10-17.

5. The church in Corinth was divided over a preference in teachers. What are issues which divide Christians today? Consider those which divide local congregations as well as those which divide between congregations, denominations, and cultures. Which, if any, are valid reasons for division?
6. How can forgetting that we have been chosen, or called by God lead to divisions and conflict? Consider how harmful attitudes such as pride or selfishness might develop. (See James 4:1-2)

Read 1st Corinthians 3:1-4.

7. What specific sins does Paul say hindered him from speaking of the deep wisdom of God to these Corinthians? What does Paul mean by "worldly"? What does he point to as evidence of their worldliness?

Read Acts 18

8. What do you find in this chapter which would have boosted Paul's confidence in his calling? Do you keep a journal of the "God moments" in your life? If so, does this help you in times of difficulties and conflict?

Personal Challenge:

9. Is there something you have heard God calling you to do? Have you been holding back for any reason? What are these reasons? Does it help you to know that God, Himself, has chosen you for this task? What is the next step for you to move forward with care and confidence?