

Week 30 – Questions to Consider

Fun Small Group Warm Up Question:

What is your favorite breakfast food?

1 Corinthians 13-16 ~ 2 Corinthians 1

1. Can you remember any Scriptures used specifically at your wedding? At a wedding you attended? Why is 1 Corinthians 13 such a common wedding passage? What is your favorite part of 1 Corinthians 13?
2. Why is love so hard? Why must love be paired with truth (1 Corinthians 13:1)? Why is truth without love (legalism) so dangerous? Why is love without truth (permissiveness) so dangerous?
3. Why are prophecy and tongues (languages) dangerous yet important (1 Corinthians 14)? Where have you seen false or fake prophecies and giftings? Where have you seen faithful practicing and uses of God's giftings? What is the purpose of spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 14:12)? How has God gifted you specifically?
4. Why does God give attention to orderly worship in 1 Corinthians 14:26-40? Have you ever seen a church service be interrupted or distracted? How? Why does Satan like to create chaos in churches and worship services?
5. How is 1 Corinthians 15:3-8 a good summary of the Gospel? Why is it so important and urgent that we "work hard" so that people can hear and believe the Gospel? (1 Corinthians 15:11)
6. What opinions about the "afterlife" have you heard before? Why do you think many are confused on this topic? What passages or truths have been helpful to you in understanding Heaven and Hell? (1 Corinthians 15)
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www.trustworthyword.com/what-does-the-bible-say-about-hell
7. Why are money and giving touchy topics in churches? Should it be? (1 Corinthians 16:1-4). What truths have been helpful for you to learn about money, budgeting, and giving?
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8. What do you like about 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 as a simple charge and reminder for life?
9. How has God comforted you in the midst of your suffering? How has that comfort been a ministry opportunity in your life? (2 Corinthians 1:3-7)

More questions at: www.southfork.church/2022-discussion-questions

How to Mature Your Mind

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- What does it mean to be mature? In thinking?
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This Next Week’s New Testament Reading Plan:

Week 31: 2 Corinthians 2-6

- **Hope & Purpose in Jesus:** www.southfork.church/jesus
- **Daily Verse by Text Message:** remind.com/join/sfbcdevo
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