

“Paul’s Not-Quite-First Letter to the Corinthians”



Bible Study Series on
The First Epistle to the
Corinthians

Four Sundays:
January 24 & 31
February 7 & 14, 2010
9:15 am

Led by Philip Major

“Division and disputation are not new elements of the church” explains Philip Major. “Paul begins his letter to the Corinthians with an appeal ‘. . . that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose’ When Paul speaks about divisiveness within the church, some of the issues sound familiar: How should the church deal with diversity? Should all participants be allowed to participate fully in the Lord’s Supper? What is the relationship between love and gifts of teaching, prophecy, and leadership?”

Schedule:

- Jan 24 - Introduction: The Corinthians, Paul’s brilliant (or hopeless?) rhetoric, and the structure of the letter. Text focus: Chapter 1.
- Jan 31 - The Heart of the Matter: Divisions within the community. Text focus: Chapters 11-14.
- Feb 7 - Back to the Future: The Corinthians as Super-Christians. Text focus: Chapters 2-4, 15-16.
- Feb 14 - Rules, rules, and more rules: Communitarian ideal and individual morality. Text focus: Chapters 5-10.

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