

# PERSONAL REFLECTION

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1 Corinthians 16: 5-24

Last Things

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## Personal Reflection Question

**READ Psalm 119:105-112.** As we close out our journey through 1 Corinthians, we recognize the road that we've been on through challenging topics. Paul concludes this letter with the mention of a variety of other leaders, who are further challenged to guide the early church to understand all that has been instructed. Is this letter a guide for your feet? Is your heart set upon keeping its decrees?

## Prayer Requests

### Tough Conversations

- It's a \_\_\_\_\_ balance between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ - showing \_\_\_\_\_ love by showing \_\_\_\_\_ love

Your \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't determine your \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_!  
(1 Corinthians 16:10,11)

When the going gets \_\_\_\_\_, don't \_\_\_\_\_!  
(1 Corinthians 15:5,7,10,12,15,17)

### The reality for every church

- The church is a \_\_\_\_\_ because it is filled with \_\_\_\_\_ people, because it is filled with a bunch of \_\_\_\_\_ sinners, desperately in need of a Saviour.

The church needs to \_\_\_\_\_ up, \_\_\_\_\_ up, \_\_\_\_\_ up, and \_\_\_\_\_ it up.  
(1 Corinthians 16:13,14)

The church is called to \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
(1 Corinthians 16: 5-9,22)

## Weekly Bible Reading Plan

Used from the READ SCRIPTURE app, available for both Android and Apple devices.

- October 1: Luke 14-16 | Psalm 119:65-96
- October 2: Luke 17-18 | Psalm 119:33-64
- October 3: Luke 19-20 | Psalm 119: 65-96
- October 4: Luke 21-22 | Psalm 119:97-128
- October 5: Luke 23-24 | Psalm 119:129-152
- October 6: Acts 1-2 | Psalm 119:153-176
- October 7: Acts 3-4 | Psalm 120

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What is one thing other members of your group would never guess about you?
2. How do you eat your pizza? Folded? With a fork & knife? Crust first?

## QUICK REVIEW

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you??
2. This weekend, Pastor Marcel said, "*The reality for every Church: The church is a mess because it is filled with messy people, because it is filled with a bunch of messy sinners desperately in need of a Saviour.*" How does this strike you? Do you agree or disagree? Why?

## SCRIPTURE REVIEW

**READ 1 Corinthians 16:5-24**

1. What does this passage say about the character of God?
2. What does this passage say about fallen humanity and the world we are in?
3. Where does this passage specifically expose sin or unbelief in my own life? How does it specifically call me to change my thinking, redirect my affections, replace behaviors, and trust in my Savior?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. **READ 1 Corinthians 16:5-8.** This is a very personal portion of text, as Paul writes to the church of Corinth about his travel plans. This reminds us that scripture was written *for us*, and not *to us*. Why is this a good distinction to make when we read and study scripture?
2. **READ 1 Corinthians 16:9.** Paul recognizes that in his mission work, there is much opportunity ahead, yet he also sees many dangers and threats within it. What do you think were those obstacles?
  - In our mission at Gateway, "*Helping people to love and serve Jesus,*" what are our obstacles?
  - **READ Philippians 3:10-14.** What can we glean from Paul's example as we strive to press onward?
3. **READ 1 Corinthians 16:13.** The language in v.13 makes it feel like the life of a follower of Jesus is more like a warrior readying for battle. Yet, the fifth statement regarding "*love*" reframes all prior battle images. How does love reframe the first four instructions?
  - How do these five instructions take shape today? Remind yourself of **1 Corinthians 13:13** as you reflect.
  - Given these five instructions, what is your greatest growth area?

## TAKING IT HOME

**READ 1 Corinthians 16:10, 12, 17, 19, & 20.** Considering the entire difficult letter that Paul is now concluding, which includes much instruction for these leaders to follow and teach, Paul elevates and affirms their leadership by simply making mention of them. How do we lift up and encourage leaders amongst us?