

LG NOTES - 1 Corinthians #2 – CELEBRITY

Before going live:

1. Read Acts 18:1-18
2. Have a flick through the background to 1 Corinthians

Resources to choose from:

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/1-corinthians/>

<https://www.sparknotes.com/lit/newtestament/section7/>

<https://www.biblica.com/resources/scholar-notes/niv-study-bible/intro-to-1-corinthians/>

<https://bible.org/seriespage/1-introduction-and-background-1-corinthians>

Sunday's talk is here <https://www.plymouthvineyard.org.uk/podcast/listen/>

All this prep is repeated from Week 1 so if you did it then this is just a refresher.

Live discussion:

Read 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 together.

Background knowledge is helpful here. Corinth loved the sophists, and this was their entertainment.

Discussion:

1. How does this background knowledge help us understand verses 11-12?
2. Do we have anything similar going on in church culture today?
3. How does our modern celebrity and entertainment culture impact the church?
4. Which bits are good and which bits are bad?
5. Does a lack of confidence in speaking eloquently of having a powerful personal testimony affect the way that you share the gospel with others?

Activity:

- When I thought about how to break the power of culture and being impressive over us all I rested on the Ignatian practice of 'Indifference'
- Modelled on Jesus' words in Gethsemane ('yet not my will but yours be done') it recognises that we have attachments to things of this earth, and leads us through a prayer of detachment. *Indifference means being detached enough from things, people, or experiences to be able either to take them up or to leave them aside, depending on whether they help us to "to praise, reverence, and serve God" (Spiritual Exercises 23). In other words, it's the capacity to let go of what doesn't help me to love God or love others—while staying engaged with what does.* (<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-indifference>)
- Try this prayer technique through the week: Palms Down/Palms Up https://downloads.24-7prayer.com/prayer_course/2019/resources/pdfs/9%20Palms%20Up,%20Palms%20Down.pdf

Ministry:

Meditate on these verses and then go into prayer ministry:

- Isaiah 53:2-4
- 1 Corinthians 1:18

Have a time of laying stuff down: meditate on the cross and lay things at the foot of the cross as they come to mind, or use the Palms Down/Palms Up prayer above.