



God's Church (Week 18/18: Stand Firm) Small Group Discussion Questions

Connect *How can you give yourself 'more fully' to the work of the Lord this week?*

Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-4

2. What was “the collection for the Lord’s people”? How did it connect with the Corinthian’s faith?
3. How were the Corinthians to set aside money for this gift? What are the key principles of Christian generosity?

Read 1 Corinthians 16:5-12

6. Why did Paul want to spend time with the Corinthians, and why was he delayed?
7. Why would Timothy fear visiting the Corinthians? How does Paul compare Timothy’s ministry to his, and what is the significance of this?
8. How can we respect the leaders in our church who exercise authority over us?

Read 1 Corinthians 16:13-18

12. What are the five short messages Paul gives to the Corinthians? Does one speak particularly to you?
13. Why are these messages so relevant to the Corinthians?
14. How can we be on guard and stand firm in the faith? How can we be strong and courageous?
15. How can we make sure that everything among us is done in love?

Apply *How can we live in such a way that refreshes the spirit of our leaders and our brothers and sisters in Christ?*

Pray *Gracious Father, help us to love you so that we can stand firm in generosity, stand firm together and stand firm in faith and love. Unite us in the bonds of love, through Jesus Christ, Amen.*

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On Your Front Line this Week

Amongst the people you see week to week, who seems like they would never be interested in Jesus? Pray and invite them to Alpha.

For Families

- Download some of the family resources to use at home: stbartskids.org

Listen, Watch, and Read

- AUDIO: "What are the Gospel's Priorities?" By John Stott: <https://bit.ly/3AmiXTA>
- AUDIO: Four-Part Series on 1 Corinthians 16 by Dick Lucas:
 - 1 Corinthians 16:1-4: <https://www.st-helens.org.uk/resources/talk/1312/>
 - 1 Corinthians 16:5-12: <https://www.st-helens.org.uk/resources/talk/1313/>
 - 1 Corinthians 16:14-24: <https://www.st-helens.org.uk/resources/talk/1314/>
 - 1 Corinthians 16:15-16: <https://www.st-helens.org.uk/resources/talk/1315/>

Series Resources:

Some helpful resources for this series:

- St Bart's Series Overview: <https://bit.ly/37mixzC>
- Website: "First Corinthians" by the Bible Project: <https://bibleproject.com/learn/1-corinthians/>
- Course: "1 Corinthians" as part of the Ridley Certificate (6-week online course): stbarts.com.au/ridley
- For Families: Bookmark Reading Plan for Families (Weeks 1-9): <https://bit.ly/3uoz4gs>
- Access relevant books in the St Bart's Library: www.librarycat.org/lib/stbart/search/tag/1+Corinthians