

# **SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE**

## **1 CORINTHIANS: A BEAUTIFUL MESS**

**1 Corinthians 15:1–11**

**September 26, 2021**

### **DISCUSSION 1: REVIEW OF 1 COR. 14**

1. If you had to summarize the main points Paul was communicating in 1 Cor. 14, what would they be?
2. Are there any steps you need to take or can take either to be more committed to the church, to be more engaged, or to be more fully present?
3. What are ways you're currently using your spiritual gifts to serve and build up others? Are there things you're not doing or gifts you aren't using that you'd like to use more to serve others?
4. What is one way you can apply what we've seen in 1 Cor. 14?

### **DISCUSSION 2: THE GOSPEL**

1. How would you summarize the gospel in 1–2 sentences?
2. What are important ideas or words that you think must be part of any explanation of the gospel? Why?
3. Paul writes that he is reminding them of the gospel. Why do we as Christians need reminded of the gospel? How does the gospel shape us daily?
4. What is one way you can keep the gospel at the forefront of your heart and mind this week?

### **DISCUSSION 3: TREASURING AND LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL**

1. What do you think it means for the gospel or Jesus to be central to your life? How might you know if it's not?
2. What are things that might cause us not to treasure Jesus and the gospel? How do you cultivate treasuring or delighting in the gospel?
3. Why does or should the gospel (which is of grace) lead to fruit in our lives? Or, how does believing the gospel lead to living out the gospel?
4. In 1 Cor. 15:10, Paul talks about working hard but it being God's grace at work through him. What do you think it means to live, serve, or love with our effort and intentionality and yet do so through God's grace? How might we know when we're trying to do these things either in our own strength or according to works and not by God's grace?