

STUDYING THE BOOK OF 1 CORINTHIANS
IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Lesson 27 - The Collection for God's People - [1 Corinthians 16:1-4](#)

Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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1CO 16:1 Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. [2] On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. [3] Then, when I arrive, I will give letters of introduction to the men you approve and send them with your gift to Jerusalem. [4] If it seems advisable for me to go also, they will accompany me.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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323. For whom was the collection that Paul requested? ([16:1](#))
324. Whose example was the Corinthian church to follow? ([16:1](#))
325. Who was to contribute to the collection? ([16:2](#))
326. How were the Corinthians to know how much money to give? ([16:2](#))
327. When were the Corinthians to set aside money for their gifts? ([16:2](#))
328. Why did Paul give such specific instructions to the Corinthians? ([16:2](#))
329. What specific instructions did Paul give the Corinthians regarding the collection? ([16:2-3](#))
330. What did Paul plan to do during his visit to the Corinthian church? ([16:3](#))
331. Who was to deliver the gift to Jerusalem? ([16:3](#))
332. Why would letters of introduction be important for those delivering the gift? ([16:4](#))
333. What can we learn from the giving practices of the early church?
334. In what ways can church leaders be kept accountable in using the money given to the church?

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1CO 16:5 After I go through Macedonia, I will come to you--for I will be going through Macedonia. [6] Perhaps I will stay with you awhile, or even spend the winter, so that you can help me on my journey, wherever I go. [7] I do not want to see you now and make only a passing visit; I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits. [8] But I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost, [9] because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me.

1CO 16:10 If Timothy comes, see to it that he has nothing to fear while he is with you, for he is carrying on the work of the Lord, just as I am. [11] No one, then, should refuse to accept him. Send him on his way in peace so that he may return to me. I am expecting him along with the brothers.

1CO 16:12 Now about our brother Apollos: I strongly urged him to go to you with the brothers. He was quite unwilling to go now, but he will go when he has the opportunity.

1CO 16:13 Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. [14] Do everything in love.

1CO 16:15 You know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints. I urge you, brothers, [16] to submit to such as these and to everyone who joins in the work, and labors at it. [17] I was glad when Stephanas, Fortunatus and Achaicus arrived, because they have supplied what was lacking from you. [18] For they refreshed my spirit and yours also. Such men deserve recognition.

1CO 16:19 The churches in the province of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly in the Lord, and so does the church that meets at their house. [20] All the brothers here send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

1CO 16:21 I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand.

1CO 16:22 If anyone does not love the Lord--a curse be on him. Come, O Lord*!

1CO 16:23 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

1CO 16:24 My love to all of you in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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335. What were Paul's plans after going through Macedonia? ([16:5-6](#))

336. What did Paul expect from the Corinthians during his visit with them? ([16:6](#))

337. Why was Paul informing the Corinthian church about his plans? ([16:6-9](#))
338. What opportunity awaited Paul in Ephesus? ([16:9](#))
339. What words did Paul share about Timothy's visit? ([16:10-11](#))
340. What did Paul's words reveal about Timothy? ([16:10-11](#))
341. What were Paul's specific instructions on how to live? ([16:13](#))
342. What service had the household of Stephanas provided? ([16:15](#))
343. How were the Corinthians to treat those who labored for God? ([16:16](#))
344. Why did Paul think some men deserve recognition? ([16:18](#))
345. How did Paul authenticate his letter? ([16:21](#))
346. What closing thoughts did Paul leave with the Corinthians? ([16:22-24](#))

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