

1 Corinthians 1:4-9 (January 23, 2022)

OPENING QUESTION:

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

1. Despite all the disturbing reports regarding the Corinthian church, Paul was thankful. What do you think Paul saw as the greatest cause for thanksgiving?

2. Identify the common denominator from the previous lesson's passage (1 Corinthians 1:1-3) and this passage (1 Corinthians 1:4-9) which is found in every single verse. Share what you consider to be the overriding principle.

3. What other gifts did God give the Corinthian church to supplement His gift of grace?

4. Paul's letter to the church will later reveal that that they did not use their given gifts wisely, but in ways that caused problems within the congregation. How have you misused or witnessed the misuse of God given gifts/abilities?

5. For what is Paul confident of concerning the Corinthian believers' future? How can he be so certain considering their moral performance (divisions within the congregation, sexual immorality, and litigation among members, etc.)?

6. Name the promises given to the Corinthian church (and all believers) in 1 Corinthians 1:8; Romans 8:1, 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18; and Philippians 1:6.