



# True love!

1 Corinthians summer series

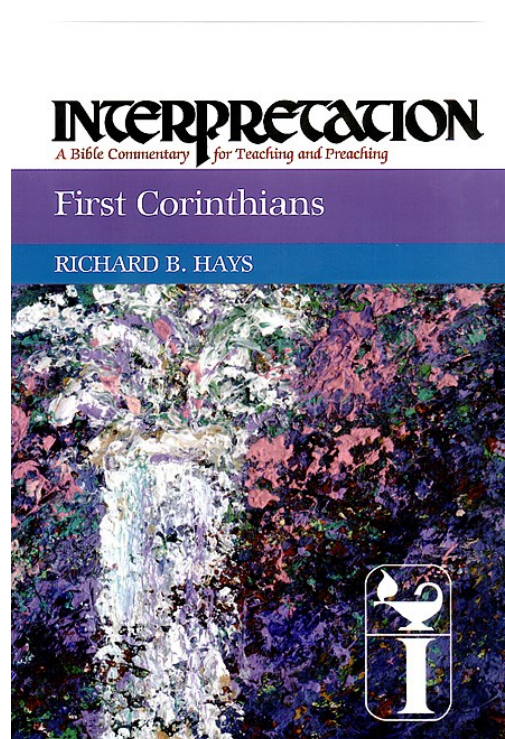
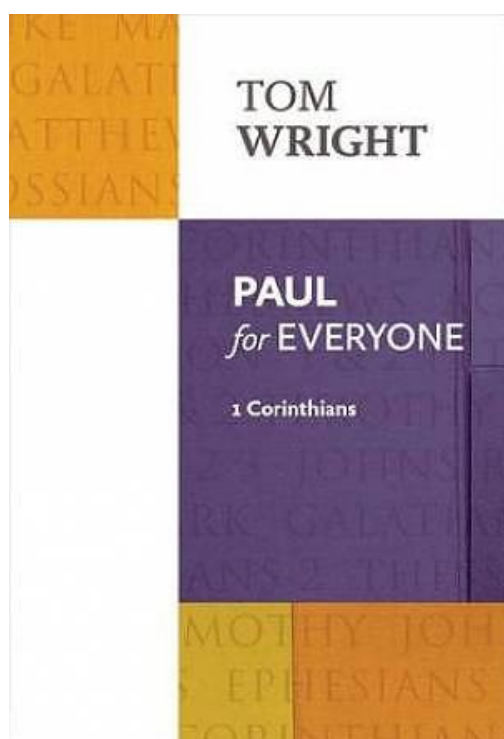
Café Worship    Sunday 6pm  
28 July—1 September

This summer we will be going on a journey through 1 Corinthians. We hope that this booklet will help connect us through a study whether we are at the evening service or pool side on holiday.

The questions are designed to provoke thinking and further discussion and study. Maybe you could write your own questions if that is helpful.

We have also provided two resources that you can use for further study.

Tom Wright, Paul for Everyone could be used as a family and the Interpretation Commentary is a helpful tool to go deeper into Bible study on the passages. Hope you enjoy it!



# 1 Corinthians 1-16

## Questions

### Chapter 1 & 2

1. What are grace and peace?
2. What do / could / should they look like in a follower of Jesus?
3. What is the message of the cross?
4. Does worldly status matter and if not what does?
5. What does it mean to have the “Mind of Christ”?
6. What is the testimony about Christ that Paul proclaimed?
7. Are you willing to let the Spirit of Christ have free reign in your life? What does that look like?
8. What is true wisdom, is it important and how does one acquire it?
9. How can / should / must you become blameless?
10. What does it mean / look like to be in fellowship with Jesus?

### Kids Questions

1. How do you like to be greeted? How do you greet your friends, how could you do it in a better way?
2. Do you quarrel sometimes with friends and if so how can you avoid doing that? What can you do instead when you disagree?

### Practical Questions

1. What are you going to change in your life?
2. How are you going to set about doing it?
3. How are you going to live differently tomorrow, Monday?

Kids can you find these words in the word search block? If you don't know what a word means then please ask someone:

Christ	Jesus
cross	love
faithful	peace
God	sanctified
gospel	Spirit
grace	wisdom
holy	witness

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## Chapter 3, 4 & 5

1. What is your diet like, are you still on milk? Have you moved onto solid food, what does that look and taste like?
2. What is the foundation on which your life is built?
3. What does it mean to be a servant of Christ?
4. Does it matter if others think us foolish?
5. How can we guard against boasting and arrogance?
6. With whom should we hang out with, both inside the Christian congregation and outside in the world?
7. Who are the fellow workers with whom you share serving Christ?
8. Is your conscience clear, if not what can be done about it?

## Kids Questions

1. What do you do when others are unkind or rude to you?
2. Can you think of a good way to respond?
3. What can you do to help your friends find Jesus?
4. Does the way you behave help or hinder this?



## Practical Questions

1. Is it time to move onto “solid food”, learning more, serving more, living closer to Jesus?
2. How are you going to set about doing it?
3. How are you going to live differently tomorrow, Monday?

Kids can you find these words in the word search block? If you don't know what a word means then please ask someone:

baptism  
blessing  
brother  
Christian  
disciple  
faithful  
Gentile

gifts  
sister  
speaking  
trust  
truth  
wise  
worship

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## Chapter 6

1. Why do you think Paul wants our disputes solved amongst ourselves?
2. What are some ground rules for Christian disagreement?
3. What does it mean to inherit the Kingdom of God?
4. Before you judge others what on the list from vs. 7-11 would disqualify you?
5. How can we best honour God not just spiritually but physically as well?

## Kids Questions

1. If two friends are arguing how do think God would want them to act?
2. How can we love God in the way we act and the way we think?

## **Chapter 7**

1. Is the base for marriage really only for those that can't control themselves? What is Paul trying to get at?
2. How is it that a non-Christian can be sanctified by marriage? What about the cross?
3. Are verses 17-24 about witness, status, or breaking social norms?
4. Rather than talk about virgins do we speak about single people in our churches? Is that what Paul is speaking about?
5. How do we help Church become a welcome and loving place to single people?

### **Kids Questions**

1. Do you think you will ever be married? Or would you like to be single? Did you know Jesus was single?
2. How can we make Church really friendly for those who aren't married?

## **Chapter 8**

1. Does the culture we live in honour knowledge or love more?
2. What are the idols within our parish? Within our own lives?
3. How can one thing be right for one person but not for another?
4. How can we live in a community and realize that we may live differently but still equally love God?

### **Kids Questions**

1. What do you think is more important being really smart or being really loving?
2. What things do you love more than God?

## Chapter 9

1. Paul is speaking about his authority as an Apostle. What do you think an Apostle is? Do they still exist?
2. What is the motivation for Paul asserting his authority?
3. In verses 15-18 Paul is talking about how he preaches the Gospel. Why does his work link with the way he preaches the gospel?
4. In verses 19-21 Paul is writing about becoming all things for the sake of the gospel. How could we do the same things here at St. Mary's? Do we love sharing the gospel enough to change?
5. In verses 24-27 Paul is using a metaphor that has as its prize a crown that will never fade. How does Paul, keeping an eternal perspective, keep his focus on the gospel? How can you focus on eternity rather than just the seen world?

### Kids Questions

1. Have you ever told your friends that you love Jesus? What was that like?
2. What things will help you be a Christian for your entire life?
3. What things will help your friends see how much you love Jesus?

## Chapter 10

1. In Verses 1-5 can you pick out the different imagery and what it represents in the Israelites history?
2. What tempts you?
3. What ways out do you believe God has provided?
4. What are our idols today? Not just generally but yours personally?

5. What competes for your life with God?
6. Can a pure heart mean that something that is wrong for one person isn't for another?

### **Kids Questions**

1. Does God help you when you want to do something naughty?
2. Does anything you do get in the way of knowing God?

## **Chapter 11**

1. Does context play a role in the way we interpret verses 1-6 for today?
2. Reading that everything comes from God in verse 12 how does that influence your reading of these verses?
3. Should women have their head covered now? Why or why not?
4. In Verses 17-22 what is the context for his rebuke?
5. In Verse 26 it says that we proclaim the lord's death at communion. What does this mean? How does this impact ourselves and the world round us?
6. What role should repentance take in our communion preparation?

### **Kids Questions:**

1. What does communion mean?
2. Do you ever pray to God while you are going up to receive communion or a blessing?



## **Chapter 12**

1. Why did Paul write to the Corinthian church about spiritual gifts and what problems were they having?
2. Do you think as a church we use our spiritual gifts properly?
3. Who is a member of the body and what is their role?
4. Is every member equal?
5. Do we have an even balance of ministries/gifting/abilities being used in the church?
6. How will being unbalanced affect us?
7. Why are the weaker members necessary and why is more honour put on them?
8. What are the greater Gifts?

### **Kids questions:**

1. Do you think you have any spiritual gifts?
2. What special gifts do you have that we could use in Church?

## **Chapter 13**

1. What do you think was going on in the Corinthian church for Paul to literally spell out what love is?
2. How easy is it to lose the greatest gift within our service to God? How and why do you think it happens?
3. What can we do to ensure that our lives are motivated by love?

### **Kids Questions:**

1. How would you define love?
2. What does God's love look like?

## **Chapter 14**

1. What do you think the Corinthian church services looked like and why do you think they had become so chaotic?
2. What does Paul teach us about the gifts of tongues and prophecy and their use within a service?
3. How do you think verse 35 affects how you understand what Paul is referring to about women in the church in verse 34?
4. Why do you think verse 35 has been taken out of context for many years?

### **Kids Questions:**

1. Do you think worship should have order or be free flowing?
2. If you could plan a worship service what would it look like?

## **Chapter 15**

1. Why do you think Paul emphasised how many people saw Jesus after his resurrection?
2. What lessons on the resurrection do you think Paul wanted the Corinthian church to understand?
3. What strange baptismal ritual were the Corinthians practising? What is Paul's reaction to this?
4. What do you understand about the resurrection from this Chapter and how does it affect how you live for Christ?
5. What does Paul encourage the Corinthian church to be in verse 58 and how can we be encouraged by this?

### **Kids questions:**

1. Why do you think Jesus rose from the dead?
2. How do you encourage your friends? Why is encouragement important?

## Chapter 16

1. Pauls instruction on setting aside money for the Christians in Jerusalem is helping the Corinthian church to remember what?
2. How do we care for the needs of our fellow Christians in the ASMA area and in the wider world?
3. How do you think the Corinthians were treating visiting Christians to cause Paul to instruct them on this matter?
4. At the end of the Chapter Paul leaves a greeting which gives a warning, why do you think he does that verse 22 ?
5. How will knowing those who do not love the Lord are cursed, and the Lord is coming affect how you will share your faith from now on?

### Kids Questions:

1. How do you think the Church can help people in need?