

Bible Study for November 23 - 29

You are encouraged to take some time to reflect on the scripture and the questions provided either individually, or with members of your household.

Read: 1 Corinthians 1:3-17

Notes: We begin a new church year with this Sunday being the 1st Sunday in Advent. The word Advent means “the beginning (or coming) of an event”. In the case of the church, Advent is a season of expectant waiting, with lessons that focus on the coming of Christ.

In our lesson today, we find the Christians in Corinth awaiting the advent of Jesus. Paul in return, reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.

Questions to Ponder:

As a child, who was your favorite *team* of heros? Why?

Who might you consider as having been your partner (or partners) in ministry in your life?

The Corinthian church was a congregation with problems, *divisions* Paul calls them further on in verse 10. Why might he then begin this letter thanking God for them?

Have you had to deal with divisions in your life? How did/do you handle it?

Can you list some ways that divisions can be overcome?

How does Paul undercut divisions in verses 13-17?

Have you ever doubted “the worth” of Christians coming from other traditions? How might other traditions be helpful to us?

Who has been a hero of the faith for you? What might you want to copy from their life?