

St. Andrew Academy

1 CORINTHIANS: *You think you've got problems!*

Spring 2007

Monday evenings

Class Times: Monday evenings:
6:45 – 7:00, gathering time
7:00 – 8:30, class time

Class Dates: Monday evenings:
3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14

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You can find the syllabus and other course materials at the website for the St. Andrew Academy: www.standrewacademy.org. Simply go to the “Scott’s Academy Classes” page and you’ll find the link to the materials for this class.

In the event of bad weather, check the academy’s website, www.standrewacademy.org, where I’ll post any cancellation announcements on the home page.

If we have to cancel a class, we’ll simply extend the class a week further into May.

Course materials:

Required:

A study Bible
The set of weekly worksheets

Recommended:

Fisk, Bruce N. *First Corinthians*. Interpretation Bible Studies, WJK Press. 2000

I will be relying a lot upon Richard Hays’ commentary on First Corinthians in the *Interpretation* commentary series. It is published by Westminster John Knox. Another good resource is N.T. (Tom) Wright’s new commentary, *Paul for Everyone: 1 Corinthians*. Copies of both are in the St. Andrew library.

Course description:

Little more than twenty years after Jesus’ death and resurrection, Paul wrote a letter to the tiny Christian community he had founded in the port city of Corinth, Greece. In this correspondence, Paul addressed a large number of problems that were plaguing these early Christians, including marriage and divorce, divisions in the church, chaos in worship, and even some Christians’ denial of Jesus’ bodily resurrection. In this lecture-oriented class, we’ll take a peek inside the lives and worship of the earliest Christians. We’ll see that this letter is not merely a scandalous expose of the Corinthian church, it is an invitation to us all to get it right by embracing an authentic spirituality grounded in Jesus.

Schedule of Class Activities

1 Corinthians

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(based on Richard Hays' outline)

Class Date	Topic	Chapter Assignments/Worksheets
3/26 (Wk #1)	Introduction to the class Who is Paul? What sort of place was Corinth? Reading someone else's mail	
4/2 (Wk #2)	A call for unity in the community 1:1-4:21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce Fisk, <i>First Corinthians</i>: • Introduction to 1 Corinthians • Unit 1 - No divisions among you • Unit 2 - God's field and God's temple • Complete Worksheet for Week 2
4/9 (Wk #3)	A call for community discipline 5:1-6:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce Fisk, <i>First Corinthians</i>: • Unit 3 - Hand over to Satan • Complete Worksheet for Week 3
4/16 (Wk #4)	Marriage and divorce at the turn of the ages 7:1-40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce Fisk, <i>First Corinthians</i>: • Unit 4 - Marriage and divorce • Complete Worksheet for Week 4
4/23 (Wk #5)	Eating meat that has been sacrificed to idols 8:1-11:1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce Fisk, <i>First Corinthians</i>: • Unit 5 - Not causing others to stumble • Unit 6 - All for the sake of the gospel • Complete Worksheet for Week 5
4/30 (Wk #6)	Community worship 11:2-14:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce Fisk, <i>First Corinthians</i>: • Unit 7 - This is my body • Unit 8 - Concerning spiritual gifts • Unit 9 - Love never ends • Unit 10 All things done decently and in order • Complete Worksheet for Week 6
5/7 (Wk #7)	The resurrection of the body 15:1-58	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Worksheet for Week 7
5/14 (Wk #8)	A community called to love 16:1-24 Concluding reflections and discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Worksheet for Week 8