

Acts 18; Part of 1 Corinthians

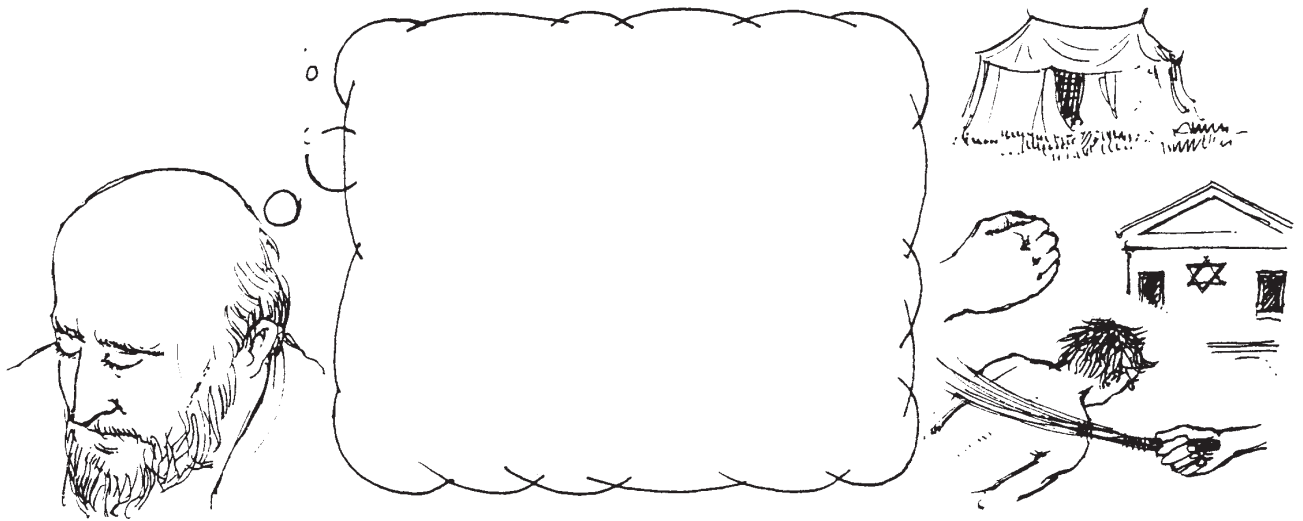
To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:2

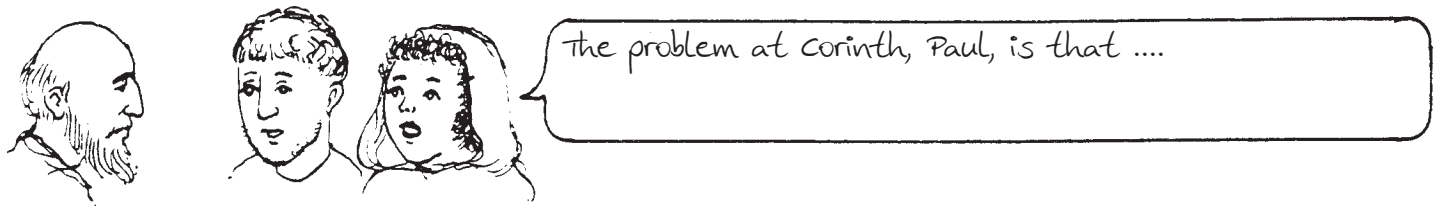
Readings this week:

- S Acts 18:1-11
- M Acts 18:12-18
- T Acts 18:19-28
- W 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
- Th 1 Corinthians 1:10-17
- F 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- S 1 Corinthians 4:14-17

Paul spent a lot of time in Corinth. As the church grew, who do you think he prayed for? What do you think he said? Look in Acts 18:1-17 to find some answers.



There were some problems in the church at Corinth after Paul left. Look at what the first one was in 1 Corinthians 1:11-12.



The people at Corinth wrote to Paul to ask him for advice about some of the problems they were facing. We can find out what some of the problems were by looking at Paul's answers. Look at these passages in 1 Corinthians and decide what the problem was that Paul was addressing.

7:1

8:1

11:17-21

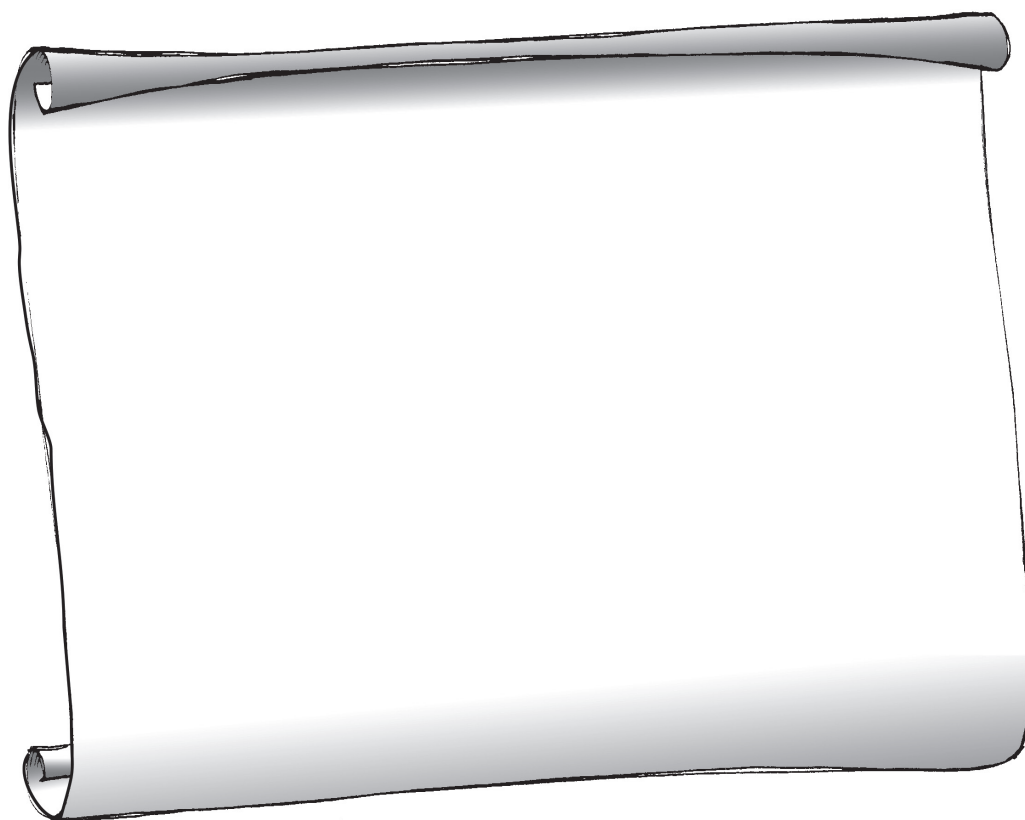
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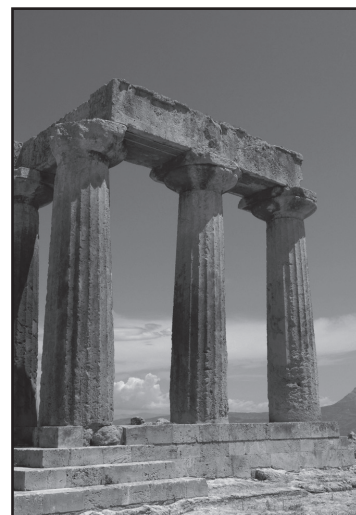
16:1

Look at the following verses which describe the points Paul was trying to get across and choose one of them. Discuss what the issue was then summarise what he says about it in your own words, as a short letter which Paul may have written.
1 Corinthians 1:10,13,21,22,31; 2:2; 3:5-7,21-23

Who carried the letter that Paul wrote? Look in 1 Corinthians 4:17.
How far did he travel?



Corinth was an important trade and commerce city. It had a large and changing population, and attracted people from lots of backgrounds. It was a place where there was lots going on - both good and bad. Many people practised idol worship and lived very immoral lives. Against this, following Jesus was a hard task.



The ruins of the temple of Apollo in Corinth

Digging Deeper

Find out a bit about Athens and Corinth

What were the people like in **Athens**? Acts 17:21

Did Paul try to convert them? v22

Can you remember from last week how many of them listened to him?
(v 32-34 if you can't)

What were they like in **Corinth**? 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

How did Paul feel about being there? Acts 18:9, 1 Corinthians 2:3

How many people listened to him? Acts 18v10

What did Paul tell the young church at Corinth? 1 Corinthians 1:20,25,27

Two lessons to learn from this.

1. We never know which people will want to listen to God's message. Sometimes it's the most unlikely people.
2. God is interested in ordinary people - those who understand the central message of the gospel. What is that? 1 Corinthians 2:2

Ask
God to help
you to focus on
the important things
in life which he has
taught us through
his son Jesus.