

Final Thoughts

1 Corinthians 16

Week of January 28, 2024

BELONG

Ask this Ice Breaker Question: Share one thing you hope to accomplish within the next year, big or small, and how it is connected to following Jesus in this season.

BELIEVE

Have someone in your group read aloud: 1 Corinthians 16

Ask these questions to prompt group discussion:

- 1. Paul uses chapter 16 to wrap things up. His big three themes are generosity, endurance, and love. Why do you think Paul concludes a letter by reminding the church of the value of enduring all things?**

Leader Context:

- *Answers may vary.*
 - *Endurance is often seen as the final virtue of the mature Christian life.*
 - *After all the life experiences are accomplished, Christians face a remainder that they must endure and endure well.*
 - *So much of suffering requires a disposition of endurance.*
- 2. Paul tells the Corinthian church to practice giving, not reactively, but proactively - to "put something aside." What might it look like to practice proactive generosity in your life? And what shifts would need to happen in order to live out this type of generosity?**

Leader Context:

- *Answers may vary.*
- *It might mean keeping an envelope of cash in your car to hand out to beggars along the overpass.*
- *It might mean looking to sponsor a kid to go to youth camp.*
- *It might mean looking to support a missionary in this coming year.*
- *It might mean going on an overseas mission trip this year in order to see and support a ministry partner.*

- 3. In verse 13 Paul reminds us that love is the NorthStar for the way we live our life. Having studied 1 Corinthians over the past year, what is one new way that you have come to think about the meaning of love as a follower of Jesus?**



Leader Context:

- *Answers may vary.*
- *Love is the highest value.*
- *Love is the greatest commandment.*
- *Love is more than our feelings...it is a disposition.*
- *Without love we cannot practice proactive generosity.*
- *Without love we cannot endure.*

BECOME:

- 4. Given our opportunities and challenges in this coming year, which theme do you think will be most important in your life of following Jesus in 2024: generosity, endurance, love?**

