

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

1 CORINTHIANS: A BEAUTIFUL MESS

December 12, 2021

DISCUSSION 1: 1 COR 16:12-24

1. Read Matt. 24:42; 1 Thess. 5:6; Col .4:2; 1 Peter 5:8; Eph. 6:18. What does it look like for Christians to live awake and watchful? What might it look to live in a way where we're not watchful?
2. How does watchfulness lead to being strong and living with courage and faith?
3. What are some of the challenges to standing firm in the faith today or in your own life?
4. When you feel yourself starting to shake or shrink—or not stand firm—what are ways you do or can fight by faith to stand firm?

DISCUSSION 2: REVIEW OF 1 CORINTHIANS

1. What are some of the things you recall from our study of 1 Corinthians? What stood out to you, how were you challenged or encouraged, and what was most impactful?
2. In 1 Corinthians, what are some of the ways the gospel should produce fruit in our lives?
3. How might we reflect more on Christ and the gospel and intentionally seek to cultivate more of that fruit?
4. What are some of the things in the church at Corinth that led to disunity and division? What were some of the things Paul told them to protect unity and oneness?
5. Paul prioritizes love in 1 Corinthians 13. What are reasons we struggle to love others in the way 1 Corinthians 13 describes? How might you seek to walk in this kind of love in all of your relationships, conversations, and interactions?