

# Discussion Questions

*A Beautiful Mess: Intro – Oct.3, 2021*

Instructions: A life group is a spiritual family. It is a time of mutual discussion, invitation, and growth together with the Holy Spirit. It's good to begin with prayer and 1-2 ice breaker questions to prime the pump and get to know one another. Then, after reading the Scriptures, **pick the questions that are of most interest to your group**. Don't end without a couple of application questions to live out our mission together. Finish with some time to care for one another and pray together.

## **Ice Breaker Question (pick 1-2 questions)**

1. Have you ever felt like you were part of a close-knit team? When? Did it end?
2. What is one thought or idea from Sunday's message that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, warmed, warned, helped, or surprised you?

## **Read and discuss 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

1. In verses 4-9, Paul describes our identity. Look over these verses. Who are we and what have we been given in Christ?
2. The Corinthians were called a "holy people" (vs.3). For the Jewish Christians, this signified that the Jews were part of God's work in the world. But now, Paul is saying that even Gentile Christians are part of God's ongoing work. How would you explain to someone what we are invited to be a part of?
3. What does it mean to "call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ?" (vs.2)
4. How has God's grace been given to you? (vs.4)
5. How are you enriched or better because you are in Christ? (vs.5)
6. What surprised you as you read the passage?
7. What did you like about what was just read?
8. What didn't you like?
9. Was there anything you didn't understand?

## **Application**

1. Pastor Don offered several ways to participate in this series: 1) Prayer Card, 2) Read 1 Corinthians, 3) Read Acts 18, and 4) Watch the Bible Project video ([AvalonChurch.org/1Cor](http://AvalonChurch.org/1Cor)). Are you willing to do any of these before our next meeting?
2. What needs to change in your life as a result of this Scripture and discussion?
3. How can you bless someone else as a result of this Scripture and discussion?
4. How can we as a group bless someone in response to this passage?

## **Pray Together**