

Dear Fellow Sojourners in the Bible,

I hope you had a good Thanksgiving, remembering that we thank God for another year, as difficult as parts of the past year may have been. I continue to thank God for you and encourage you to read 1 Corinthians closely with each other, especially to see how much of what Paul wrote two millennia ago is directly relevant and helpful for our faith journey. I am attaching the two handouts from class. If you would like printed copies, please let me know. As mentioned in class, we are already looking ahead to Galatians, which in many ways will be a good follow-up to 1 Corinthians—we'll soon find out why and how.

As we continue in 1 Corinthians, keep paying attention to Paul's arguments and lessons for the church in Corinth as well as to us, especially regarding the theme of unity and diversity—see the quotations in the attached file, which leaves us the legacy and challenge for Christian unity-diversity as well as love in the midst of diversity-division.

As ever, I will look forward to **your observations and questions**. Remember that the question mark is my favorite punctuation mark, and I delight in learning from what you share in class.

Please never hesitate to **suggest any biblical, theological, or life topics** along the way, even if they are only tangentially related. We can always be flexible and take detours on our journey through the Bible—the unofficial title of our Bible study is “Anything and everything you always wanted to ask about the Bible but were too afraid or busy to ask.”

Please see the [“syllabus” online](#) for where we are headed: [Bible intro 2021-04 Ann's Choice](#) (also attached; printed copies available in front of my office in Resident Life, Liberty Commons).

For Zoomers, here are the instructions:

Zoom (online or using an app):

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In all cases, be well and stay healthy. See you next Wednesday at 10 a.m. in class or via Zoom. Have a wonder-ful evening and weekend.

