

Know The Problem

GETTING STARTED

Describe a time when you witnessed or heard about a heroic act. What happened? What made the person's actions heroic?

Heroic acts are often selfless—people risking their lives, money, or safety for others. We're about to study Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth. The church had a problem with selfishness that we'll unpack throughout this study.

We want to:

- Understand that selfishness has dire consequences, both in the local church and in us as individuals.
- Feel motivated to reject selfishness and embrace a life that's Christ-and-others-centered.
- Identify and turn away from the ways we're holding onto selfishness.

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-31

*Watch The Book of 1 Corinthians
Session 1*

DISCUSS

After reading the introductory verses and listening to Jennie, what's your impression of the church in Corinth? What's wrong with the church?

Based off chapter 1 and Jennie's teaching, in what ways are the Corinthians being selfish?

Looking at your own life, where do you feel the struggle between wanting to do things your way or Jesus's way? Which one usually wins?

Jennie talked about how Paul depended on the Spirit. What does it look like for someone to rely on the Spirit? What's different about that person?

What's one thing you could do this week to be selfless toward another person?

CONCLUDE

Paul wrote 1 Corinthians to challenge the church's selfishness. As we go through this study, we will also have to decide whether we'll focus on ourselves or risk it all to shift our focus to Christ and other people.