

Reflecting on what you have learned from 1Corinthians what is one thing that is encouraging? challenging? and something you can put into practice?

Pray for each other, for St Peters and for other churches in Perth and beyond.

Week beginning 18th November 2024
Sermon: Sunday 24th November 2024

Study 17: The Fellowship of Churches

Readings: 1Corinthians 16

In 1Corinthians Paul has described the local church as the body of Christ, which implies it is complete in itself. Why then is it important to develop relationships between churches and to work together for the kingdom?

Read 1Corinthians 16:

In Acts 24 and in a number of Paul's letters Paul refers to a collection he made to support the poor in the churches in Jerusalem. How does he want the church at Corinth to support this collection?

What plans is Paul wanting to make for a visit to Corinth (v5 - 9)?

How is the household of Stephanas to be an example to the Christians in Corinth?

In v10 Paul raises the possibility that he may send Timothy. Why do you think Paul gives the instruction he does about how they are to receive Timothy?

Paul has written many harsh words in this letter. How does passing on greetings of the churches and in particular highlighting that he writes these greetings in his own hand, emphasize that Paul and the other churches haven't written them off?

Why do you think Apollos is currently unwilling to go to Corinth? How might these comments of Paul relate to the dysfunction in the Church at Corinth that has been highlighted throughout the letter?

How can churches today support each other especially when they are going through difficulties? Why is this important?

How does Paul encourage and exhort the Corinthians in vv13 and 14?