



Lesson One Outline - One Mission

1 Corinthians 16:1-4

Churches Working Together on One Mission

VIDEO INTRODUCTION –

A. Introducing the Reoccurring Stories:

- 1). Anna – Dylan – Carlos & Shelby –
- 2). Review questions from the close of the video –

B. Welcome to Give+Go Bible Study Series:

- 1). Goals for the next four weeks –
- 2). This is important -- **Scripture will drive each study!**

C. Background of 1 & 2 Corinthians:

- 1). Paul – Second Missionary Journey:
 - a). Establishes the three churches in Macedonia –
 - b). Moves south and establishes the church in Corinth –
- 2). Paul – Third Missionary Journey:
 - a). Writes 1 Corinthians from Ephesus – approximately three years after church is founded –
 - b). Writes 2 Corinthians from Macedonia – approximately one year after 1st Corinthians –
- 3). Challenges In The Macedonian Churches:
 - a). Poverty –
 - b). Affliction –
 - c). Persecution –
- 4). Challenges In The Church At Corinth:
 - a). Human wisdom and prosperity vs. sufficiency in Christ –
 - b). A young, immature church –
- 5). The simple was not so simple!

I. PAUL'S PLAN FOR TAKING THE COLLECTION: 1 Corinthians 16:1-4

A. Making the Personal Connection:

- 1). To verify authenticity –
- 2). To reinforce personal relationships –
- 3). An offering for the "Saints" –
- 4). A connection much larger than themselves –

B. Should Have Been Simple and Clear:

- 1). When – vv.1-2
- 2). Who – vv.1-2
- 3). How – vv.1-2

C. Answering the "Why" Question: vv.3-4

- 1). Collected in Paul's absence protects his motives & reputation –

- 2). Paul is creating a teaching opportunity –
D. Addressing Accountability: vv.3-4

II. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1). What were the challenges for the affluent church at Corinth?
- 2). In what way was Paul's request of the Corinthians about more than just money?
- 3). How would the church in Jerusalem feel about receiving the gift from other churches?
- 4). What were the dangers involved in collecting money for a church so far away?
- 5). How does the word "Each" in 1 Corinthians 16:2 apply to us?
- 6). What does the whole church at Corinth being involved teach us?
- 7). What churches does your fellowship partner with?
- 8). How does our church support ministry efforts other than collecting money?
- 9). What does our church support beyond our own needs?
- 10). How are the needs in 2025 different from the 1st century churches? How are they the same?
- 11). How many missionaries and/or ministers have come from your church?

III. Paul's Travel Timeline Involving the Churches in Macedonia and Corinth:

A. Paul's Second Missionary Journey: (Macedonian Churches – Acts 17)

- 1). Church at Phillippi is established, AD 50-51.
- 2). Church at Thessalonica is established, AD 51.
- 3). Church at Berea is established, AD 51
- 4). Church at Corinth is established, AD 51 (Acts 18)

B. Paul's Third Missionary Journey:

- 1). Paul writes 1 Corinthians from Ephesus, AD 53-54
- 2). Paul writes 2 Corinthians from Macedonia, AD 55-56