

## STUDY GUIDE WEEK 7



### KEY VERSE OF WEEK 7

"Let each one live his life in the situation the Lord assigned when God called him. This is what I command in all the churches."

1 Corinthians 7:17

### CONTEXT

As we walk into chapter 7, you can sense the tone of Paul's letter shift. In the first 6 chapters, Paul is addressing areas within the church with the same kind of tone you would expect to hear from your parent when they caught you doing something that you know better than to do. You know what I'm talking about right? It's the, "\_\_\_\_\_(insert full name), what were you thinking doing \_\_\_\_\_(insert crazy spontaneous act that you know you shouldn't have done)! We've all had that happen to us.

Well, now, in chapter 7 the tone shifts from that to a tone that you would expect to hear from your pastor or student minister. You know the voice they may use as they shepherd you through a wound to realize that Jesus can still move in and through whatever it is you are going through for His glory.

Paul is talking with The Corinthians about how they ARE NOW to live for His glory. In fact, the very last verse of chapter 6 is the jumping off place for where Paul continues about how married or unmarried people can live for His glory.

In this passage, there is a lot said about married people and unmarried people. As Kim, walks us through this passage, I like how she zeroes in on 1 Corinthians 7:17. As you read through this chapter, do not get distracted by all the discussion on married and unmarried, but allow The Lord to help you consider what your various situation is that you are living through and how you can use that situation to bring glory to God. Instead of comparing our situations and trying to copy or trying to compete with others that we have been looking at instead of Jesus, what would happen if we surrendered our whole lives to Jesus and asked Him to use us to expand His Kingdom in our home, in our zipcode, in our social media, in our church, in our own shoes? You know you have a calling, right?!

You have been called. You have a purpose. You have an identity. He hasn't forgotten you. He has called you to be a disciple that makes disciples. The thing is, that you aren't at the center of the story. Jesus is at the center of this story, and when you are trying to get the glory, you aren't living your life to His Glory. Don't forget to watch this week's teaching at [girlsministrycollective.com](http://girlsministrycollective.com). It's really good!

Praying for you, Sis!

Follow us on instagram @girlsministrycollective and use the #girlsministrycollective so we can cheer you on as you study with us in 1 Corinthians!



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OUR INDIVIDUALITY"

1 CORINTHIANS 7

**HAVE YOU EVER SEEN COMPARISON IN YOUR OWN LIFE? HOW OR IN WHAT WAYS?**

**WHY IS COMPARISON SO DESTRUCTIVE IN THE LIFE OF A JESUS-FOLLOWER?**

**HOW DOES COMPARING TAKE YOUR EYES OFF OF JESUS? WHERE DOES COMPARING PUT YOUR FOCUS?**

**HOW DOES COMPARING TAKE AWAY YOUR INDIVIDUALITY? WHY WOULD THE ENEMY WANT THIS?**

**WHAT ARE SOME PRACTICAL THINGS YOU CAN DO TODAY TO FIGHT COMPARISON?**

## PRAY

Before you start to read the chapter of the week, ask The Lord to help you read His Word today. Ask Him to teach you today. Ask Him to see things in your own life you can't see. Ask Him to help you take what you read and apply it.

## READ

What verses are you reading from today? \_\_\_\_\_

What version of the bible are you reading it in today? (Try reading it in 3 different translations. Circle the translations you are reading it in below.)

### Formal Translations:

#### "word for word" translation

New American Standard  
English Standard Version  
Holman Christian Standard  
Revised Standard Version  
New RSV

### Functional Translations:

#### "Thought for thought"

New International Version  
New American Bible  
Revised English Bible  
Good News Bible  
New Living Translation

### Free Translations:

#### "A Paraphrase"

New English Bible  
Living Bible  
The Message

## IN YOUR OWN WORDS

Write out what is happening in the verses you read. Put it in your own words.

## APPLY

Reflect on what you just read, and walk through these questions with Jesus.

Is there a sin I need to confess to Him and ask Him to forgive me?

Is there a truth that I need to believe today?

Is there a promise that I need to hear and hold on to today?

Is there something I need to ask The Lord to help me live differently because of what I just read?

## QUESTIONS

What questions came up when you read the verses today? Were there words or customs that you didn't understand? Write those out. Those are important to not just pass over. Those are some of the ways He calls your attention to something you need to pay attention to in your own life.

## PRAY/JOURNAL

Take some time to pray/journal after your time of reading. Ask God to change your heart so that you look more and more like Him and less and less like the world. Ask Him to break your heart for what breaks His heart. Ask Him to help you focus on Him and less on what is all around you.