

QUESTIONS TO PONDER—What did you learn that was new, interesting, confusing, convicting, and/or a blessing?

**1. Sunday, March 19; 1 Cor. 8:1-13; Don't Be a Stumbling Block to Others.** Read the entire passage with Bible notes. Summarize what Paul says about knowledge (1-2, 4, 6-7, 11). Summarize what Paul say about love (1, 3, 13). What does Paul say about a believer's rights (8-10)? Make a list of areas where believers might be a stumbling block to weaker brothers and sisters. Have you or I caused another to stumble? If so, may we ask that person for forgiveness? Have you or I ever stumbled due to a thoughtless brother or sister? How did you or I regain our footing with the Lord? How is forgiveness a key factor to moving forward? **Personal Application:** Write a brief summary of this chapter in your own words.

**2. Monday, March 20; 1 Cor. 9: 1-18; The Right to Missionary Support.** How and why does Paul prove that he is an apostle (one who was taught by Jesus directly, 1-2)? In 3-14, what point is Paul making (14)? Do you or I agree or disagree with Paul's argument? Why? How do you or I participate in supporting God's work in the world through missionaries, outreach organizations, and/or the Church? If we do not support right now, should we? Why or why not? In verses 15-18, Paul did not ask for his due support. Why not? Why did Paul go to all the places he did (16)? What personal, intangible reward did Paul receive for preaching free of his due support (18)? Why do you think he did it that way? **Personal Application:** Write a prayer for the missions or church you support. OR How have you or I given back to the kingdom out of personal gratitude to the Lord for His mercy over you or me?

**3. Tuesday, March 21; 1 Cor. 9:19-27; Spiritual Self-Discipline.** What is Paul's main point in 19-23? Give a few examples of "becoming all things to all people in order to save some" in current time. How may we not slip into sin by taking interest in unbelievers (23, 27)? What is Paul's main point in verses 24-27? Is Paul speaking of the need for spiritual or physical discipline, or both and why? What kind of self-discipline is needed or order to stay on top of our game in terms of living fully for Christ and thus winning others to Christ? **Personal Application:** Make a list of self-disciplines which help you or me to stay focused on Christ and His assignments for our lives.

**4. Wednesday, March 22; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Temptation: Tripped Up or Standing Tall?** Read the entire passage along with your Bible notes. What is Paul's overall teaching? In verses 1-5, about the history of God's deliverance of the Jews, what does Paul remind the Corinthians about and why (6)? What four temptations did the Corinthians face (7,8,9,10)? Evaluate the equivalent of these temptations today and ask the Lord to show you if any play a role in your life now. Will you or I heed such a realization (11)? How easy is it to slip into temptation? What is the Good News about temptation (13)? **Personal Application:** Write down 1 Corinthians 10:13 and memorize it!

**5. Thursday, March 23; 1 Cor. 10:14-33 + 11:1; Doing All to the Glory of God.** In 14-22, what is Paul's main point? How do we share in the body and blood of Christ as believers (14-17)? Why is it important to be of one purpose (18-22)? How does living by rights differ from living sacrificially (23-24)? In 25-30, what is Paul's main point? How does considering another's weakness as more important than my freedom or yours help the gospel progress? How are we urged to be continually thoughtful of God and others (31-33)? Why (33b)? Whose Example are we to follow first and foremost (11:1)? Whom else is a good example for you or me to follow?

**6. Friday, March 24; 1 Cor. 11:2-16; Head Coverings.** Draw a diagram of the hierarchy of verse 3. Do you or I accept this hierarchy? Why or why not? In God's opinion, has this hierarchy changed over time (since Paul wrote Corinthians)? How about in man's opinion? What was the cultural practice of the day regarding men, women, hair, and head coverings (4-7, 13-16)? How has American culture changed since Paul wrote Corinthians regarding dress? Does it matter now or not that women do not wear physical head coverings as a normal practice or that men wear long hair or women wear short hair? What is Paul saying in verses 8-12? **Personal Application:** What "spiritual" head covering should you or I "wear" in our worship and honoring of the Lord?

**7. Saturday, March 25; 1 Cor. 11:17-34; Partaking of the Lord's Supper.** In verses 17-22, what is Paul's concern with how the Corinthians are partaking of the Lord's Supper? Who taught Paul about the Lord's Supper (23)? What was the purpose of eating the bread (24) and drinking the cup (25-26)? How were the Corinthians partaking in an unworthy manner? What is the solution (28)? Why did Paul conclude that the Corinthians were physically ill (29-32)? Share your thoughts about judgments from the Lord today on believers. How did Paul want the Corinthians to take this meal (33-34)? Why is the partaking of the Lord's Supper a unifying practice for all believers world-wide? **Personal Application:** How has or hasn't the Lord's Supper been a meaningful experience for you personally?

