

Lean into others .

But someone who falls alone is in **real trouble**. *Ecclesiastes 4:10*

Carry each other's **burdens**, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. *Galatians 6:2*

What can others do?

1. Others give you insight .
- “What you are doing is not good. You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it **alone**. Listen now to me and I will give you some **advice**, and may God be with you.” *Exodus 18:17-19*
2. Others give you practical help.
- Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. *Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*
3. Others give you hope in the transitions.
- Hope:** Optimistic emotional state rooted in the conviction that things will work.
- Worry weighs a person down; an encouraging **word** cheers a person up. *Proverbs 12:25*

Transitioning well requires the assistance of others.

If you want someone to be there for you in your time of transition, be there for them.

The generous will prosper; those who refresh **others** will themselves be refreshed. *Proverbs 11:25*

Whom can you help through a transition?

One Year New Testament Devotionals

Small group discussion questions related to the weekend message will resume in September 2018 during our next 10-week group semester. Small group registration is now open. Use these One Year New Testament questions to discuss with your small group or answer individually.

Devotionals

The Bible teaches us, “God works all things together for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28). Life can be a big 1,000-piece puzzle with each piece representing a single moment or season. One piece doesn’t make sense outside the context of the big picture. One piece may even represent a tragedy or hard season, but God uses each puzzle piece for His purpose. He connects them one by one to complete the picture. This is the truth of Romans 8:28. There will be good and bad moments, but God works them all together so that at the end of your life, He’s completed a masterpiece.

Sunday, August 19 — 1 Corinthians 12:1-26

What spiritual gifts did Paul describe? (12:8-10). What spiritual gift(s) has God uniquely given you? It’s important to encourage others to use their spiritual gifts for God’s Kingdom. How can you use your spiritual gift this week for the benefit of others in church or your local community?

Monday, August 20 — 1 Corinthians 12:27–13:13

What qualities do you associate with love? Why do you think Paul wrote about love to the Corinthians? God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). How could you show love to a difficult person this week?

Tuesday, August 21 — 1 Corinthians 14:1-19

What are some family traditions or practices that would seem strange to someone outside your family? What traditions in the church might seem strange to a non-believer? What personal action could you take to welcome non-believers to the worship services this week?

Wednesday, August 22 — 1 Corinthians 14:20-40

How might a church exhibit disorder in its worship? How can you use your spiritual gift in a fitting and orderly manner? Paul talks about how church should be organized, encouraging, and inviting. How could you encourage orderly worship in church each week?

Thursday, August 23 — 1 Corinthians 15:1-28

What do you think is important to pass on from one generation to the next? In your own words, describe the importance of the gospel to your life. How was the gospel of Christ’s death and resurrection relevant to the dispute in Corinth? (15:12-13) How can you incorporate the truth of Christ’s resurrection into your witness to others?

Friday, August 24 — 1 Corinthians 15:29-58

What feelings have you experienced when a friend or relative passed away? Why do you think people feel angry at God when they lose a loved one? How could this passage encourage a person who has lost a loved one who was a believer? How does your view of heaven line up with the type of heaven Paul is describing?

Saturday, August 25 — 1 Corinthians 16:1-24

What were Paul’s specific instructions on how to live? (16:13) What can we learn from the circumstances of the Corinthian church? Where should you be on guard in your Christian journey? How can you show your support to a believer who lives in another part of the world?