

# IN ALL THINGS

## FACILITATOR GUIDE

**NOTE TO FACILITATORS:** Text or email this reminder to your group:

**REMEMBER:** *Don't trade God's timing for your deadline.*

**CPC HAPPENINGS...** (Leaders, please share with your group. We want to do everything to keep people connected to the entire church family.)

### **Baptism Opportunity**

As of right now, the next CPC Baptism Service is planned for Sunday, January 10. If you would like to participate, please go to the church website ([yourcpc.church/events](http://yourcpc.church/events)) to sign up.

### **CPC WOMEN**

Tuesday, January 19, 6:30 PM in the Kids Point Area.  
Begin the new year in the Word with your Christian sisters!

### **VISION SUNDAY**

January 31—Find out what's coming to CPC in 2021!

## **NEW YEAR, NEW PURPOSE**

What are your hopes for 2021?

What has 2020 taught you? [*Patience? Trust in God? Make memories with your family? Love those around you? Etc.*]

Do you believe that God has been working through all things this past year? [*Believe it or not, He has. He has never left us. We can say for sure that God has been busy working in the lives of people, because the evidence is seen in the number of people who have come to Christ this year. We've seen a record number of people be saved this year in our church, plus other churches around the world are reporting record numbers as well. ]*

Have you seen God work something good through something that seems bad?

**The church in Corinth had some issues that Paul felt he needed to address. In just the first few verses Paul reminds them of God’s involvement in all areas of their lives. God wants us to also be reminded that He is in “all things” in our lives as well.**

In this lesson, we will examine the first nine verses of 1 Corinthians 1. In those verses, Paul identifies 5 areas of our life where God is at work.

## **AREA 1**

**1 Corinthians 1:1-2—** Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

In his message this week, Pastor Chris stated that God has a purpose for you in all things.

**What does it mean to have a “purpose?” [A purpose is defined as “a reason for which something exists.]**

**In verse 1, what did Paul say was his purpose? [“Called...to be an apostle of Christ Jesus.”]**

**Where did he say this calling came from? [It was God’s will.]**

**What do you think God’s purpose is for your life? [Understand that your purpose is something much deeper than your occupation or your ability to make money.]**

**AREA 1: PURPOSE is given through the WILL of God.**

## **AREA 2**

**Read verse 2 again. Who did Paul say he was writing this letter to? [“.. to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be SAINTS...”]**

**And how did Paul define a “saint?” [“... those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...”]**

Do you consider yourself a “saint?” [If you have confessed Jesus as your Lord and Savior, then you qualify as a “saint.” Your association with Christ gives you a new identity.]

AREA 2: **IDENTITY** is given through the **SALVATION** of God.

### AREA 3

**1 Corinthians 1:4-6**— I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge. 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you

What gift did Paul say was given to the Christians in Corinth? [“The grace of God.” ]

How did this gift effect their lives? [In their speech and in their way of thinking (knowledge).]

What was the result of their change? (v. 6) [The testimony of Christ was confirmed. In other words, other people noticed the difference in their lives and knew that something great had happened in their life.]

Do you think that others notice a difference in you since you have made Christ the Lord of your life?

How has the grace of God changed you in your speech? [More positive? Cleaner language? No more gossiping? Less critical? Etc.]

How has the grace of God changed the way you think? [New priorities? Put God first? Think more about how to introduce others to Christ? Consider what the Bible says about a subject over what others say? Etc.]

The changes that God has made in you help equip you for service to Him. You honor God when you use your gift of grace. So....

AREA 3: **GIFTEDNESS** is given through the **GRACE** of God.

## AREA 4

**1 Corinthians 1:7-8** — So that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

What does the phrase “so that you are not lacking in any gift” say to you? **[God is going to equip you with all the qualities, characteristics, and faith you need to see you through any situation you come up against.]**

Does this mean you will always be the smartest, richest, best looking, or most talented person in the room? **[No. But God will always be with you and will help you.]**

What does verse 8 tell us God will do for us? **[Sustain us (defined—to uphold, support, and keep from falling)].**

God’s greatest desire is that you spend eternity with Him in Heaven. Obstacles are not thrown at you to see if you are “worthy” to enter Heaven. None of us are worthy by our own merit. It is only through the sacrifice of Jesus that we are saved. Paul is stating in this verse that God is going to give us everything to keep our faith in tact that we might stand before God and be declared “guiltless” before Him. He wants to completely give us everything we need to succeed.

**1 Corinthians 10:13** (NLT) — The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

**John 10:28-30** (NLT) — I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, 29 for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father’s hand. 30 The Father and I are one.”

What do these verses tell you about God’s protection when you go through difficulties?

AREA 4: **COMPLETE CAPABILITY** is given through the **REVELATION** of God.

## AREA 5

**1 Corinthians 1:9** — God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Paul says, “God is FAITHFUL.”

What does it mean to be “faithful?” [To be firm in allegiance to duty, loyalty, and service, adhering to promises, contracts, vows, and covenants. ]

Can you list a way in which God has been faithful to you today?

To what does Paul say in this verse that we have been called? [To fellowship with Jesus!]

What does “fellowship” mean to you? [Fellowship is basically doing life together with others.]

## Fellowship vs. Relationship

Your family is a group of people to which you are related by virtue of DNA. You have relationship with them, despite whether or not you know them well. Fellowship with them can only happen through steady interaction and doing life together.

Regularly attending Connection Point Church gives you relationship with others who attend. Fellowship with them only happens when you engage in small groups, serve together on a team, or gain a close person tie with another. Fellowship is that level that goes beyond relationship.

It is possible to have RELATIONSHIP without FELLOWSHIP.

But you can't have FELLOWSHIP without RELATIONSHIP.

What does it mean to have a relationship with Jesus? [You have invited Him to be the Lord of your life. You have asked Him to forgive your sins. If you have done this, you are now a child of God. You have a relationship based upon adoption into His fold.]

What does it mean to have fellowship with Jesus? [You talk to Him. You involve Him in your daily decisions. You think about what He would think about. You care about what He cares about. Etc.]

AREA 5: FELLOWSHIP is given through the FAITHFULNESS of God.

## **GOD IN ALL THINGS**

In summary, God is in your:

**Purpose**  
**Identity**  
**Giftedness**  
**Complete Capability**  
**Fellowship**

God wants to be in your **EVERYTHING!**

## **PRAYER TIME**

- Thank God for His desire to be part of every area of your life.
- Ask God to show you His desire for your purpose in life.
- Examine the situations that you are dealing with right now. Pray for God's strength to help you through these difficult times. Thank Him for His presence and your success.
- Commit to practicing those disciplines that build your faith and fellowship with God. (Prayer, daily Bible reading, regular church attendance, faithfulness to your small group, fellowship with small group and church members, etc. )
- Ask God to take you to a new level with Him this year.