



SERMON NOTES

Sunday, August 20, 2023 | Pastor Scott Boerckel

Living Now in Community

1 Corinthians 16:13-24

1. Living now in community requires conviction. (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)

2. Living now in community requires appreciation of those who serve and lead well. (1 Corinthians 16:15-18)



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3. Living now in community requires love. (1 Corinthians 16:19-24)

Table Talk

- 1) What are the five commands in verses 13-14? What do these commands have in common? What kinds of things should we be alert about? How can we “stand firm in the faith” and also be a community that allows people to ask questions about the faith? Why is Paul’s command to “act like men” countercultural? What can we be doing to encourage men and boys in our fellowship to be strong in the Lord? How does the next command to “be strong” apply to women and girls?
- 2) What might Paul be including in the “everything” of the command to do everything in love? (You might want to review the whole letter and the controversies that the church at Corinth faced.)
- 3) How can we properly recognize and appreciate those who serve and lead well in our church? (vv. 15-18) How ought we to submit to those in our church who serve or lead well like the household of Stephanas did at Corinth? (v. 16)
- 4) What are some ways that we can refresh the spirits of others? (vv. 17-18) How can we recognize such people?
- 5) What is the importance of sending greetings and of affection in the church? How can we assure that such affection be real but also “holy”? (vv. 19-20) Why is Paul so negative toward those who do not love the Lord? (v. 22a) How can we develop greater longing for the coming of our Lord? (v. 22b) Why is ending this letter with the values of grace and love so important? (vv. 23-24)