

DIRTY CHURCH

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1 Corinthians 1:1-9

1. What are your best experiences with local churches? What are your “not so best” experiences?

2. In what sense are Christians “sanctified” (Read 1 Corinthians 1:1-2)? Why do you think so many Christians live lives that don’t reflect the fact that they are “sanctified”?

3. Why do you think Paul wants the Corinthian church to see themselves as part of a larger body of “saints” in 1 Corinthians 1:2? Why do we find it hard to cheer on other churches who share with us fundamental beliefs about the Gospel? What limits are there to cheering other churches on—what do they have to agree with us on in order for us to keep cheering?

4. What evidences of God’s grace have you seen over the last while in your life? Why do we struggle to see evidences of God’s grace in the midst of trials? What practices will help us notice God’s grace more?

5. Do you think you can lose your salvation? Why or why not?

6. How would you counsel someone who struggles with assurance of faith? What should we point to as evidence that we belong to God? What should we not point to?
