1. **1 Corinthians 1:1-3**

* According to the letter, who was “called” by “God”?
* What is the community “called” to do?
* Does there appear to be a blessing in this opening? Explain…
* Does the greeting in **verse 3** remind you of the greeting in mass?
* **Joshua 1:5-6, 9**
* What relationships, if any, do you find between **1 Corinthians** and **Joshua**?
* What do you feel is the purpose of Paul greeting the community this way?
* What does this greeting assure to the people of Corinth, and us?
* Look back over **all 3 verses**, and list which persons of the Trinity are made evident in these passages.

1. **1 Corinthians 1:4-7**

* **Psalm 84:12-13**
* What is a benefit of having “the grace of God bestowed” on you?
* **Wisdom 3:1-9**
* After reading **Wisdom**, look at the reason it gives for those who “understand truth,” why are they enabled to do so and “abide” in “him” according to this passage?
* Explain God’s grace as you understand it to the group, while considering its benefit?
* How are they “enriched” by God according to Paul?
* **Proverbs 2:1-22**
* What are the benefits of being “enriched” this way by God, in your opinion?
* Do you feel God has done the same for you to date?
* How do you believe “the testimony to Christ” was affirmed among them, what do you imagine they did that moved Paul to make this statement?
* Could this be said about us and our church community today, please explain?

1. **1 Corinthians 1:8-9**

* Can you name three promises from Paul about God in these passages?
* What do you believe Paul’s message is when he states, “he will keep you firm to the end,” in other words, what does keep you “firm” mean?
* **Psalm 119:1-8**
* Name anything in this **Psalm** that may seem to support your answer to the previous question about keeping you “firm”.
* What is “the day of our Lord Jesus Christ”?
* What would be the benefit of being kept “firm” for it?
* In **verse 9**, who is “called” by “God”?
* What are they “called” to do here?
* Can we “fellowship” with the “Son, Jesus Christ” without communicating and sharing our faith with others explain why or why not?
* **Proverb 1:20-33**
* Name some of the things that those who refuse to accept his call experience according to the **Proverb**?
* Name something that you felt was meaningful to you in this study today.