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## In-Sync Reading in June

# Exodus



# 1 & 2 Corinthians



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Reading the  
Bible Together

May 2014

## What is 'In Sync' Bible Reading?

'In Sync' encourages us to read the same Bible book through a month, and then reflect together on what we have read and learnt from God's Word. In May we are reading through the books of **1&2 Corinthians**.

## Why do we do this?

There are many advantages to reading together like this, including opportunities to:

- Develop the regular habit of Bible reading
- Become more familiar with the Bible
- Encourage one another by sharing the different things we have learnt through our Bible reading
- Read the Bible with family members and friends
- Handle a whole Bible book, when often we focus on much smaller sections of the Bible in our times of study together.

*'I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.'* (Psalm 119:16)

## Questions to consider

Reading the Bible does not have to be an intellectual study. Anyone can read the Bible and by God's grace understand it. The main thing is that we pray for God's help as we read.

Some questions to help you think over and think through what you are reading include the following:

1. What have I learnt about God and about Jesus?
2. What does this teach me about humanity and myself?

3. What has most encouraged me from this book?
4. How does this teach me to love the Lord my God with all my heart, soul and mind? (Matt 22:37-40)
5. How does this teach me to love my neighbour as myself? (Matt 22:37-40)
6. Is there anything else I should learn here to be 'equipped for every good work' (2 Tim 3:17)

## 1&2 Corinthians: What can we expect?

These are two letters written by the apostle Paul to the church in Corinth, a major Roman city in Greece. Paul had first preached the gospel in Corinth during his 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary journey (Acts 18). Others had come after Paul (e.g. Apollos) to encourage and strengthen the church.

There were many issues to be sorted out in the local church – immorality, factionalism, division and dissension, theological confusion, what were acceptable worship practices, what to do about food that had been offered to idols, and the role of charismatic gifts.

Paul's apostolic authority and gifting was being questioned and the church was falling under the influence of 'super-apostles', and Paul has to launch a spirited defence of his ministry.

In these letters we learn about the unity, diversity, maturity and purity of the church; the necessity of living out our faith; the primacy of love; the priority of preaching; the paradox that God displays his strength through our weakness; the reality and the regularity of the work of the Holy Spirit; and the indispensability of the physical bodily resurrection of Jesus to the Christian faith.

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