

## “Check Your Inbox”

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Sunday, January 7, 2024, 10:30 a.m.  
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI  
Pastor Jonathan DeCou  
1 Corinthians 1:1-2a & Acts 18:1-17

**BIG IDEA:** The work of the Church is not for the faint of heart.

*“Paul, called as an apostle of Christ Jesus by God’s will,  
and Sosthenes our brother:  
To the church of God at Corinth.”  
1 Corinthians 1:1, 2a (CSB)*



### **The Sender: The Apostle Paul.**

- Paul, the MISSIONARY EVANGELIST.
- Paul, the SERVANT LEADER.
- Paul, the PASTOR.



### **The Destination: The City of Corinth.**

- It was an HISTORIC city.
- It was a STRATEGIC city.
- It was a city in NEED of the SAVIOR.



### **The Recipients: The Church at Corinth.**

- It was a YOUNG Church.
- It was a CALLED Church.

- It was a BLESSED Church.
- It was a DIVIDED Church.
- It was a CONFUSED Church.
- It was a CARNAL Church.

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**READ:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-2a & Acts 18:1-17

**THINK:** Reflect on the founding of the Church at Corinth and then ask yourself these questions: *Do you prefer working by yourself or with other people? Why? What do these passages teach you about the life, ministry, and “style” of Paul? Why do you suppose Paul selected Corinth as a place to plant a church? What does this tell you about prioritizing and strategizing for the best Kingdom impact? What difficulties did Paul encounter as he worked at establishing a work for Christ in Corinth? What thoughts and feelings do you suppose Paul had as he left the infant Church at Corinth after only a year and a half of ministry there? What thoughts and feelings do you suppose Paul had a few years later after hearing about how things were going at the Church in Corinth?*

**DO:** Rate yourself on a scale of 1-10 (1 being the worst & 10 being the best): “What impact am I having on the Church at Whitneyville?” List a few things you hope to learn from our extended study in 1st & 2nd Corinthians.