

**Loving Jesus**  
**1 Corinthians 16:1-24, Pew Bible p. 962**  
**July 31, 2022**

**I. Lovers of Jesus Give (V. 1-4)**

- A. Believers are to give graciously.
- B. Believers must handle giving with integrity.

**II. Lovers of Jesus Serve (V. 5-20)**

- A. Seven Examples of what servants of Christ do:
  - 1. They submit their plans to the Lord (5-7).
  - 2. They see adversity as opportunity (8-9).
  - 3. They abound in the work of the Lord (10-11).
  - 4. They do not lord authority over others (12).
  - 5. They are meek (13-14).
  - 6. They are addicted to serving the saints (15-18).
  - 7. They are in it together (19-20).

**III. Not Loving Jesus (V. 21-24)**

- A. It is possible to come to church with no love for Jesus.
- B. If you don't love Jesus, you have an eternal problem!
- C. Your only hope is Jesus!

## **Group Discussion Questions**

1. Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-24.
2. Since unbelievers can be courteous and give toward different charities or causes, what makes Christian giving different than secular giving?
3. How does Luke 6:32-34 shape the way we should think about grace?
4. Do you recall the seven examples of what servants of Christ do? Are there any that need some work in our own lives?
5. What does 1 Corinthians 16 teach us about the impact our personal salvation ought to have in our day-to-day lives in the community?
6. Why do you think Paul felt it was important to follow his closing greeting with “If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed.”?
7. Pray for our church, that we would continue to be those who give graciously and demonstrate integrity in the stewardship of that which we receive. Pray that we would continue to be servants of Christ and become more like him each and every day. Consider attending the church prayer meeting every Sunday at 7 pm. Register at the church website at [www.apollobaptist.org](http://www.apollobaptist.org).

## **Church Bible Reading Plan**

Leviticus 23-25

July Memory Verses: Leviticus 18:1-5

**1 Timothy 4:12-16**

*12 Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. 13 Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. 14 Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. 15 Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. 16 Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.*

**BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:**

If you have not done so already, register from the [www.apollobaptist.org](http://www.apollobaptist.org) home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. Register with your name and email address. This registration will last through 8/7/2022. Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

**Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:**

- PRAYING for schools: teachers, administrators, students, bus drivers, etc.

**Pray for Our Church Family Needs:**

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:  
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain, Comfort J. in Nigeria, Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona, Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia, Sylvia M. at ASU West, Arizona, Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand, and Jules S. in Thailand
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an on-line setting, or a home school setting our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus  
Marge D. – Salvation for son, Matthew
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:  
David T. & family (wife), Louise R. (husband), Ed G. & family (mother), family of Phyllis W., Paul W. & family (aunt), and Anne W.-B. & family (husband)
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:  
Michelle L. (health issues), Mary R. (dialysis needed until kidney transplant), Debbie B. (health issues), Leon V. (chemo), Twila D. (stroke), Wayne D. (declining health), Rebekah R.'s father, Keith B. (recovery from open-heart surgery), Ken & Darlene R. (health issues), Margaret J. (surgery recovery), Paul W. (surgery recovery), Jan O. (vertigo), John E. (eyelid cancer,) Debbie P. (bronchitis), Ann C.-W. (ear pain & hearing issues)
- Others that you are aware of