



Going Deeper Questions
Saints in Christ
Pastor Brynn Harrington

Sermon Scripture Passage

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Fun icebreaker question

If you could be any zoo animal, what zoo animal would you be?

Discipleship Cycle: Debrief & Interpret

Spend a few minutes sharing any life highlights from the summer!

Quick Review: What stood out to you from this week's passage?

Looking back at your notes from this week's passage and sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

My Story

- 1) Pastor Brynn opened with a (literal) elephant in the room. If you've been part of churches in the past, what are some elephants in the church you've noticed tend to go unaddressed? What elephants do you hope to talk about in this series through the Corinthian letters, or in general?
 - 2) What was so remarkable about Paul calling the Corinthians "Saints"? What are the implications for the Christian life when we believe that we are saints?
 - 3) What names/messages/stories tend to get in the way of our believing that
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we are saints?

4) How can we encourage one another in the belief that we are saints?

5) What happens when we start living into the reality that we are saints? What happens when we don't?

Dive Deeper

Let's re-read the passage one more time.

- Circle / highlight any words or phrases that catch your attention.
- Underline what you think is important to remember.
- Put an X next to anything that confuses you.

*Faith: What is this passage asking me to believe about God or myself?

*Hope: What hope does this passage offer us as God's people?

*Love: What is this passage asking us to do? How do we put these words into action in our lives?

Discipleship Cycle: Respond Actively

This week, choose one person in your life to think about as a saint. What does that belief about them do in your relationship? How could believing another person is a saint shift your perspective about them and influence how you treat them?

A special question for couples and families

Just like adults, children live into and according to their self-perceptions. So if a child believes they are "bad" that influences how they behave. Alternatively, if a child believes they are loved and valued, that also influences how they behave. How can we as parents/caregivers/spouses communicate the difference between behavior and identity? How can we call our family members into our identity as saints on a consistent basis?
