

[MESSAGE NOTES]

True North: A Journey through 1 Corinthians
Week 1 — *Swimming Against the Current*

Message Notes:

[QUICK REVIEW]

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

[MY STORY]

We are constantly being formed by various things that we encounter throughout our lives, but especially by beliefs, actions, and our context. For example, one of my (Samuel) most impactful beliefs in this recent season of life has been realizing, "*it's not my job to fix everything.*," while an incredibly formative action has been to move to the C-U area, and one of the most impactful contexts I have ever experienced has been a *Celebrate Recovery* community. ***What are some of the most impactful beliefs, actions, or contexts that you have ever encountered in your life?***

[DIGGING DEEPER]

Each of us are influenced by countless aspects of our lives—our history and experience, our families of origin, our beliefs, our actions, and our context. The interaction of all of these things lead us to see the world through certain kinds of lenses, sometimes called a ‘worldview’—something that we were introduced to briefly as we kicked off our series in 1 Corinthians this week.

Before we dive into Scripture, ***which of these three things do you think is most important—beliefs, actions, or context (culture/environment)? Which do you think is most influential?***

Choose 3-5 passages from the list below to read. ***What do they say about the importance of belief, action, and context? Which do you think is most important in the eyes of God based on these Scriptures?*** List out any insights for each section below.

Matthew 7:24-29	Romans 10:9-10	Romans 12:1-2	
James 1:22-25	James 2:14-26	1 John 2:15-17	Mark 12:28-34
John 14:8-14	Colossians 2:6-8	John 17:13-18	

BELIEFS

ACTIONS

CONTEXT (culture/environment)

The reality is, all three of these arenas are vital to pay attention to for the sake of our discipleship and spiritual life with Jesus. ***Which one do you think the average person in the C-U area struggles with the most? Which one do you struggle with the most?***

As we continue in our 1 Corinthians series, keep that specific arena in mind to see what Paul has to say not only to the church at Corinth, but to the C-U area and also to you.

[WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (*1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17*). As a church, we believe that! Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend’s message.

1 Corinthians 1

Genesis 3

Colossians 2

Romans 12