



## STUDY GUIDE

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# Messy; Posed and Proud

WEEK OF February 24, 2018

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

## **CONNECT**

1. What impacted you the most from Pastor Troy's message?

## **GROW**

2. Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-13. What do you think it means that "our fathers were all under the cloud", and why do you think Paul makes this connection to the Old Testament (see Exodus 13:21-22)? How was this relevant for the church at Corinth?
3. In light of the phrase "All passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses", read Exodus 14:21-31 and discuss what the symbolism of passing through the sea and being baptized into Moses was for the church at Corinth.

- 4. In what way does Paul make reference to the material provision of food and drink and how it protected Israel during the time of the Exodus? In what ways does God provide for his church, in the same way, both literally and metaphorically? (See 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 for further reference)**
  
- 5. One of the overarching themes to the Exodus is that there was the constant presence of the Lord in the cloud. However, Paul makes it clear that there was another guiding presence. Who was this and what was the implication for the church at Corinth?**
  
- 6. God was not pleased with the Israelites grumbling, considering His blessings and provisions for them. Why do we have to guard against falling into the same type of attitude that the Israelites displayed, and how can we do this?**
  
- 7. Why does Paul labor to make a point of bringing up what happened in Israel as a warning to the church at Corinth, and what is the issue at stake here?**
  
- 8. In 1 Corinthians 10:7, Paul begins making a list of what was going wrong in the church. His first indictment is that they were idolaters, why do you think that this was the first thing he listed and what is its importance?**

9. Paul then moves onto sexual immorality in verse 8. What is the connection here with idolatry as spoken in verse 7? How does this connection impact the church today?

10. Read Numbers 21:4-9 and describe what happened to Israel when they put God to the test. In 1 Corinthians 10:9-10, Paul says that the Israelites “put Christ to the test”. What lessons can we learn from those that “put Christ to the test” and those who were “grumbling”?

## GO

11. Describe a time in which God provided for you, during a time in which you were in the midst of struggling with sin. What does this reveal about the characteristics of God?

12. Currently, what is your biggest temptation? What is your battle plan for dealing with it, and is there any person or group you need to reach out to hold you accountable?