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A VISITOR'S GUIDE TO CORINTH

For any visitors to a college, seminary, study group, or Sunday School class.

Welcome to 1st century Corinth and Chloe's house church! Whatever your 21st century reason for visiting our group, perhaps you have been invited by a member of this house church. Or perhaps you are a Corinthian citizen or a traveler from elsewhere. You noticed our little gathering in this crowded city and stopped by out of curiosity.

We are reenacting a house church who has recently received a letter from the Apostle Paul. Although Paul had originally planted this church, he is now evangelizing in Ephesus.

Rabbi Paul has brought us good news of the Jewish Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth. As a traveling teacher, prophet, and healer, Jesus was eventually executed by the Romans as an insurrectionist. But God raised him bodily from the dead as a vindication of his life and mission. Instead of venerating the Roman gods and Emperor Claudius, we now worship Messiah Jesus as Lord when we meet together. We await his return as the true Sovereign of earth and heaven. (Just don't mention this to the authorities . . .)

But our little gathering of slaves and freepersons, elites and manual laborers, Jews and former pagans is not without its conflicts and struggles. Chloe has appealed to Paul for help resolving our differences, and other house churches have written him a letter. We are now listening to Paul's response.

Whether you are a Jew or a worshiper of many other gods, please feel free to ask us questions about what we believe and how we live. You are most welcome to join us!