City of Corinth:

Does Location impact a church?
Does History impact a church?
Does commerce impact a church?
Does the origin of its inhabitants impact a church?
Does culture impact a church?—Roman
Do local morals and religion impact a church?

Church at Corinth

Paul as Founder—2MJ

3 Archaeological finds: bema, Erastus inscription, Jewish Lintel inscription

Occasion of letter writing:

Previous letter (1 Cor 5:9);
Oral 1 Cor. 1:11
Written 1 Cor 7:1

What were the Church Problems?

Deep sin in past—ch. 6
Lord’s supper—ch. 11
Remiss in Disciplining—ch. 5
Factions—ch. 1, 3, 4
Idol-Meat—ch. 8
Lawsuits—ch. 6

Key Issues in Corinthians

Marriage or Celibacy?—ch. 7
I say not the Lord: 7:12
Head Coverings—ch. 11
Woman speaking in Church—ch. 14

4 Principles for handling cultural issues
- Is it a moral principle or cultural practice?
- Are there contextual indicators?
- Is Scripture diverse on the subject?
- What is the deeper principle?

Delivering to Satan—ch. 5
Baptism for the Dead—ch. 15:29
- Vicarious baptism; Mormons
- In place of the dead—replacement
- Heretical view: What will “they” do
- Because of the dead:
  Stephen’s death ➔ Paul’s baptism
  Baptized in anticipation of the dead in hope of resurrection

What is the chief end of humans?—10:31
One Step principle—10:12f
Love chapter—ch. 13
Resurrection chapter—ch. 15
- Connection of story and history:
  Modernism: history=facts; story=fiction
  Post-modernism: It’s my story, facts irrelevant

Body as temple 1 Cor 3:16; 6:13