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(1 Corinthians 16:19-24)

1. Where are you on the spectrum of being hugged vs not hugged, kissed vs not kissed? Are you a fan of physical affection? Why? Why not? How have you managed the various stages of Covid restrictions with this regard?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-24, especially verses 13-24. What strikes you afresh, challenges or confuses you?
3. Chris suggested that money (vv.1-4), hospitality (vv.5-9) and people (vv.10-24) are the greatest resources we have. How have you found this to be true (or not) during the past 16 months? How do you feel you are doing around each theme and how has Covid-19 helped or hindered?
4. Verses 13-14 are a brilliant commission for all Christians. How does this commission inspire or challenge you? How much does your Christian walk reflect these instructions?
5. Paul lists lots of people in verses 10-18. If you were to list people from within (or even beyond) CBC who deserve recognition for fulfilling the commission of verses 13-14, who would they be and why would you list them?
6. What, do you think, is the purpose behind the command in verse 20 about greeting one another? Is the command to be interpreted literally?
7. Aside from Covid-restrictions, should the 'holy kiss' be redeemed for today's church or is it best left in church at Corinth? Do you have any concerns about this command and what safeguards should be in place around it in contemporary society? Do we even have a contemporary alternative which achieves the same purpose?
8. Can you think of any kisses recorded in the Bible which communicated affection, unity or peace towards another person(s)? Can you also think of kisses which communicated the opposite?
9. For person reflection. Is there anyone who you might struggle to greet with a holy kiss (or the contemporary equivalent)? Why? What is it that needs to be resolved between you?
10. Can you think of any practical steps you could take this week to come into 'closer proximity' with another person so that you can express your Christian unity, affection or peace towards them? Who is that person?