I. Background on the City of Corinth
   a. History
   b. Economy
   c. Religion

II. Paul
   a. Paul’s Travels (Journeys)
   b. Paul’s Letters
   c. Peter and Paul
   d. Paul’s Companions

III. First Corinthians: Methods and Structural Elements

IV. Greeting and Thanksgiving—Beginning
   a. Salutation: sender and recipient information (1 Corinthians 1:1-2),
   b. Prayer wish (verse 3), and
   c. Thanksgiving (verse 4-9 or, 3-9).

V. Upcoming: Questions, Reports, Cruciality and Capstone
   a. Appeal to Unity — Begins with 1:10.
   b. Church’s official letter to Paul, 7:1 (“now concerning the matters about which you wrote”)
   c. Oral reports from Chloe’s people (1:11)
   d. Class divisions at the Lord’s table and belief in the resurrection.
   e. Christology and Community

A Few Suggested Resources:

Allen, Rolland, Missionary Methods: St. Pauls or Ours? (Grand Rapids, Eerdmans) 1962.
Traina, Robert, Methodical Bible Study, (Grand Rapids: Zondervan) 1980.