

# Scripture this week:

## 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

<sup>10</sup>I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." <sup>13</sup>Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

### Be United

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

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#### The Problem - Division

#### The Solution - Be United

## ***Life Group Discussion Questions***

### **Based on 1 Corinthians 1:10-17**

## **Notes:**

### **Getting Started**

1. As you survey the landscape of our American culture, what are some of the major issues that are causing divisions among us?
2. What are some of the issues and preferences that tend to divide Christians?
3. Why is disunity in the church so discouraged in Scripture and destructive to Christianity?

### **Digging into the Text**

4. Read 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 and respond:
  - Summarize Paul's major point(s) in this text.
  - Based on vv. 10-11, what are specific characteristics of Christian unity? What does disunity entail?
  - What does Paul seem to say is the specific issue dividing the Corinthians in vv. 11-13?
  - Why do you think Paul brings up baptism in vv. 14-16? How does what baptism symbolizes relate to the issue of disunity which the Corinthians are struggling with?

### **Applying It to My Life**

5. Reflecting on this text, how does keeping Jesus and the cross at the center of our attention help preserve unity in the church and prevent needless quarreling and divisions?
6. What is a step you can take this week to foster more unity with your brothers and sisters in Christ by surrendering some of your preferences for the sake of others?
7. How can the group be praying for you this week as we all seek to focus on promoting Christ alone and having the mind of Christ (considering others as more important than ourselves)?