

SERMON BASED STUDY GUIDE

To maximize benefit of this study, it's best to complete in advance.

[set up]

What was one aspects of the service this last weekend that really connected with you (from the teaching, worship music, class or other...)?

[digging deeper]

This last week we continued our teaching series in 1 Corinthians. What is one insight or observation that was:

- New to you?
- A refreshing reminder to you?
- Convicting to you?

If you haven't done it yet, it will also be helpful if you read Acts 18:1-16 for context on the beginning of the church in Corinth. Also watch this video overview of 1 Corinthians to get a better understanding of the book -

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/1-corinthians/>

Review the teaching passage from Sunday - **1 Corinthian 1:10-17**

List the ways you have seen churches become divided over the years that relates to what was shared by Paul in the verses read.

Have you ever personally experienced a church split or significant division in a church before? Briefly describe it. How did it make you feel? How do you think God feels about it?

Why did the Corinthian church members find it so easy to rally around their favorite leaders (Paul, Peter, and Apollos)?

Why is it dangerous and divisive to gravitate toward personalities and skills of leaders rather than the worship of Christ? What can we do to fight that temptation?

What is the difference between appreciating our Christian leaders and developing an unhealthy and divisive loyalty? How do you know when you cross the line?



When Paul urges the Corinthian church to be united in the same mind and same judgment, is he making a case for them to have absolute uniformity in all areas and views and beliefs? Explain your answer.

What are some examples of beliefs we can have a difference of opinion on but still be unified? What are a few examples of beliefs that we need to take a stand on even if it leads to a lack of unity?

Are there any other Bible passages or thoughts that come to mind as you read this?

[living it out]

What do you feel like the Holy Spirit has impressed on you in light of what you read and heard this last weekend and/or today? How can you live that out (share with your LifeGroup).

[close in prayer]

Spend time in prayer as a group. Use 1 Cor. 1:10-17 as a prayer guide as well as your insights, convictions, and desired applications. Keep in mind how to (1) Praise God, (2) Thank God, (3) Confess to God, and (4) Make requests of God for both yourself, your group, and our church as you pray.

