

Sermon Reflections

Church Indivisible • I Corinthians 1:10-17

Summary: Strive for the unity of the local church, around the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Note: If answering these questions in a group setting, be discerning. Don't let responses to these questions contribute towards any division.

Strive For Unity (1:10-17)

1. Remove the Acceptance of Division (v. 10)

- What are some secondary or tertiary issues in the church that you are tempted to hold as more important than you ought? What are some steps you can take to ensure these issues do not cause divisions in the church body?
- Read Philippians 2:1-11. What are a few practical ways you can model the humility of Christ in our local body?
- There are many ways in which each of us may have inadvertently contributed to divisions in our church (e.g. being critical of leadership, teaching contrary to our statement of faith, inflating the importance of politics). Prayerfully evaluate if there are any areas in which you need to repent and change. Consider asking a brother or sister to keep you accountable here.

2. Reject the Cults of Personality (vv. 11-12)

- God has gifted many pastors and teachers with large public platforms that they use for books, sermons, and podcasts. How can you reap the blessings of gifted teachers without becoming too attached to the teachers?
- Are there any theological systems (e.g. Calvinism, premillennialism) that you have placed in higher authority than Scripture itself? How can we ensure that the text of Scripture remains our ultimate authority on issues of theology?

3. Rally to the Message of the Cross (vv. 13-17)

- What are some ways you can cultivate healthy conversations with fellow believers on divisive issues (e.g. homeschooling, politics) without causing divisions or belittling the importance of the cross of Christ?
- Paul explains that he was sent to preach the gospel, but “not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power”. When is the last time you shared the gospel with someone? What are some ways in which you can be more prepared and ready to share the gospel with others?
- What would be an example of “words of eloquent wisdom” that we should be seeking to avoid?