

A Better Way: United

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Life Group Questions – February 18, 2018



Connect

What is the most trivial fight or argument you have ever had?

Study

1. Why is it important to remember 1 Corinthians is a letter written to an actual church? What stands out to you about this church so far?
2. **Read 1 Corinthians 1:10.** *How* does Paul bring up the issue that is dividing this church? How is this like, or unlike, the way you approach confrontation? What can you learn from Paul here?
3. What is Paul's "appeal" to them? What does unity mean? What does it *not* mean?
4. Read **Galatians 1:6-9, 2:11.** What are some issues that are "essentials" and *would* rightfully cause division? What are some issues that are "non-essentials" that too often cause division? How can we make sure we know the difference?
5. **Read 1 Corinthians 1:11-16.** In your own words, what exactly is this church fighting about? Is it an essential or non-essential? How do we know?
6. Read **1 Corinthians 1:17.** How does Paul attempt to diffuse this division?
7. Read **John 17:20-23 & 1 Corinthians 12:12-14.** Jesus' dream for His Church was to be a diverse but united Body. How is that even possible? Give an example of when you have seen or experienced this.
8. How can we have differences without it dividing us? Are there any "non-essential" issues you are elevating higher than they need to be? How does this passage challenge you to handle those?
9. Why is fixing our eyes on the cross of Jesus (v. 17) the key to unity? What does that look like for you today?

Pray

If you need to, confess to each other any ways that you have caused division over a non-essential. Then pray for the universal Church and for Cherry Hills specifically, that in humility, we would learn to be unified even in our diversity.