

Sealing the Foundation: Strengthening our Unity

1 Corinthians. 1:10-17

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Like every good architect, God knows the importance of a good foundation. The church's one foundation is Christ, but the unity of believers is foundational to the work of God. Our society is fractured, but the church doesn't need to be. Let's learn from the ancient church of Corinth how to build a unity that blesses God, furthers his work, and gives hope to the world.

- **Share God's priority of unity**

- **Confront the cracks of division**

- **Build common ground in Christ**

FOR FURTHER ACTION/REFLECTION

Memorize 1 Corinthians 1:10

Read Romans 15:5-6, Ephesians 4:1-6, Philippians 2:1-5, 1 Peter 3:8, John 17:20-23

Read "8 Practices that Divide" – bit.ly/Practicesthatdivide

Read about Christian unity and liberty – bit.ly/Christianliberty

Read "No divisions among you" – bit.ly/NoDivisionAmongYou

Listen to "This is your church" – bit.ly/Thisisyourchurch

Listen to "Unity Hymn" – bit.ly/UnityHymn

Read *Relationships: A Mess Worth Making* by Tripp and Lane

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 together. Of all the issues in Corinth, why does Paul address the issue of divisions as a first priority?
3. Read John 17:20-23. In what ways have you seen this prayer of Jesus answered in the church today? Where do you see displays of unity in the church?
4. What are some strategies our enemy uses to divide the church? How can we better protect against his vices?
5. Read Philippians 2:1-11. In what ways should the life, ministry, and death of Christ affect our unity as a body?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 1:13. Why does Paul ask these questions? Where is he trying to lead us?
7. In your own words, distinguish between healthy differences in the body and unhealthy divisions. How can we know if a difference is worth dividing over? What biblical principles can guide us?
8. Who is someone you know who has a very unifying presence about them? What are some qualities of this person that make them this way?
9. What are some ways you have wrongly contributed to unhealthy conflict or division in churches? What have you learned from this?
10. Spend some time praying, like Jesus, for the unity of believers.

