

Divisions in the Church - 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Topics: Arguments, Church, Disagreements, Divisions, Follow, Gospel, Power, Quarrels, Unity

Open It

1. Over what matters do families often argue?
2. When was a time you hurt someone because you were forced to take sides?
- * 3. When was a time you helped two people settle a dispute?

Explore It

4. On what basis did Paul appeal to the Corinthian believers? (1:10)
- * 5. Why did Paul ask the Corinthians to agree with one another? (1:10)
6. What kind of action did the Corinthian church need to take? (1:10-17)
- * 7. What specific problem were the Corinthian Christians having? (1:11-12)
8. How was Paul a part of the Corinthians' problems? (1:13-17)
9. How did baptism cause division in the Corinthian church? (1:13-17)
10. What can result from preaching the gospel with "words of human wisdom"? (1:17)
11. What did Christ enable Paul to do? (1:17)
12. What danger is there in dividing a church? (1:17)
- * 13. What danger was Paul trying to avoid? (1:17)
14. What's wrong with preaching the gospel with "words of human wisdom"? (1:17)

Get It

15. How did Paul show his concern for the Corinthians?
16. What difference does local church unity make?
17. What does it mean for Christians to be "perfectly united in mind and thought"?
18. Why is it important for Christians to be united?
19. How should we respond to arguments among Christians today?
20. What church divisions have you known or heard about?
21. What has been the outcome in church splits of which you are aware?
22. How can division among Christians empty Christ's message of its power?
23. What witness does a unified church give to a lost world?
24. What social and cultural forces present the greatest threat to the unity of Christ's church today?
- * 25. How can Christians avoid becoming distracted by petty disagreements?
- * 26. What can your church do to build unity and guard against division?
27. What practices can help us be more united with other Christians?

Apply It

- * 28. What is the first step you could take to heal a damaged relationship with another Christian?
29. How could you help your church leaders build the unity of your congregation?