



Clearwater Community Church

THE THREAD

Weaving Sunday's message through your week

Date: March 3, 2019 **Passage:** 1 Corinthians 1-2

Theme: Conviction 3: A New Community

Summary: Many Christians, especially those of us in the west, fail to grasp the incredible gift we have been given in the community of believers. Some see the local church as an optional add-on to their already busy lives. Community is valued so long as our felt needs are satisfied, but is easily discarded should we become dissatisfied. The gospel has caused us to be born into something so much more glorious than this! We have been richly blessed by God with a local community that is meant to serve his work of making us like Christ. God has chosen to glorify himself through the local church. This week we will begin our study on the new kind of community that the Holy Spirit creates when the gospel is believed.

I. A Community Created by God (1:1-2)

- a. A local community (v. 2)
- b. A holy community (v. 2)
- c. A global community (v. 2)

II. A Community Bound by Grace (1:3-9)

- a. Grace brings peace (v. 3)
- b. Grace enriches its recipients (vv. 4-5)
- c. Grace is sufficient (v. 7)
- d. Grace endures (vv. 8-9)

III. A Community United in Christ (vv. 10-17)

- a. Appeal for unity (vv. 10-16)
- b. The power of the gospel (v. 17)

IV. A Community that Boasts in Christ (vv. 18-31)

- a. The apparent foolishness of the cross (vv. 18-19)
- b. The wisdom of God (vv. 20-25)
- c. The boast of the Church (vv. 26-31)

V. A Community of Power (2:1-5)

- a. The weakness of man (vv. 1-4)
- b. The power of the Spirit (vv. 4-5)

VI. A Community Taught by the Holy Spirit (2:6-16)

- a. The nature of spiritual discernment (vv. 6-13)
- b. The natural person (v. 14)
- c. The spiritual person (vv. 15-16)

Discussion Questions:

1. How much value do you currently place on the local church? (notice your attendance, your involvement, your attitude, your personal investment, etc.)

2. What are you thankful for in regards to your community of faith?

3. Are you preserving unity in the church with your speech, attitude, and conduct? How might your habits change to help build unity?

4. Is your life marked by humility (if you feel courageous, asksomeone close to you)? Where are you quick to complain, slander, judge, etc.?

5. What are you prone to boast in other than God's grace toward you in Christ?

6. As you go to God's word, are you dependent on the Holy Spirit to teach you "the hidden wisdom of God" or on your own understanding? Thank God that he has given you his Spirit to give you spiritual discernment, and that he delights to lead us into truth!

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