

THE CHURCH UNITED

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Scripture in Context (Paul's words)

10 I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

Bridging the Gap (God's truth)

God has one diverse Church.

Bringing it Home (Our lesson)

Focus on the Message more than methods or men.

It is the gospel that BRINGS us together.

It is the gospel that BINDS us together.

It is the gospel that SENDS us together.

Remember, unity begins with you.

Do your part to be a part.

Look at our purpose and overlook some preferences.

Patch the cracks.

GROUP / FAMILY DISCUSSION

- What is your favorite sports team and why? What is your least favorite sports team and why?
- What are some other ways people are divided in the culture around us?
- Have you ever experienced cliques in the church? Around what were they formed?
- What happens to the church's witness when it is divided? What happens to the church's witness when it is unified?
- In what ways do divisions outside the church sometimes leak into the church?
- Read **John 7:40-43**. Why were people divided over Jesus? Is this a good reason for division? Why or why not?
- Read **Luke 12:51**. What does Jesus mean when he says he came to bring division? Is he speaking about division in the church? Where might this division be seen?
- "As we enter into a post-Christian society division in the church over personal preference will become less of an issue." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
- If the gospel BRINGS, BINDS, and SENDS us how can we keep the gospel central in our lives and our church?
- If unity begins with you what do you need to do this week to "patch the cracks?"
- How committed are you to the church? To Granger MC?
- **Pray** against the Enemy's devices that divide, and **pray** for a unified church on mission.

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