

**LIFE GROUP GUIDE**  
**1 Corinthians 1:1-25**

**This Week's BIG IDEA:** This week we begin to unpack 1 Corinthians chapter 1 on the basis of the foundation we laid last week. Over the coming weeks we will be looking at the first of the big themes in the letter – Unity in the church. Paul has been made aware that there is disunity in the church which is revealing itself through personality cults. Different groups are putting their trust and dependence on individual leaders or a super spiritual emphasis on Christ. Even though Paul is one of the people they are attaching themselves to, he will have none of it. This week Paul unearths the root of their disunity – PRIDE.

**Focusing on God**

Spend some time in prayer and worship focusing on the foundation of our security, identity and faith – JESUS!  
You could use these worship songs to remind yourselves of our identity in Christ.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70SelutxNWI>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bmkjYU4Mpno>

**Getting into Scripture**

**i) Please read 1 Corinthians 1:4-9**

- Why is Paul able to be so thankful for the Corinthian church despite all its issues?
- How might we actively develop a greater level of thankfulness in our lives corporately and personally in 2024?

**ii) Please read 1 Corinthians 1:10-17**

- What is the foundation of unity for Paul?
- Why does unity in the church matter?
- What are the enemies of unity?

**iii) Please read 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

- How does the cross of Jesus challenge the pride of the Jews and the Greeks?
- How does the cross challenge our pride?

**Time to Pray**

Why not commit to always starting your times of prayer this year praying for Kingdom breakthrough in the lives of those who do not yet know the love of God in their lives? Even 5 minutes praying like this each week will make us more aware of God's limitless compassion for those around us.

Spend some time praying for one another and areas of our lives that need to be brought afresh to the healing and restoring power of the cross.