

This Is Our City
The Way It Should Be ~ Pastor Dre

TALK IT OVER

Breaking The Ice. Spend some time connecting with each other.

- Briefly share how the last week has gone for you and where have you seen God at work in your life or the lives of others this past week?
- In this fallen world, dissension and disunity are all around but what makes disunity in the church so particularly painful?

Key Scriptures: *Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment. **1 Corinthians 1:10***

Message Study: *The following questions will help you work through the passage.*

- On what basis did Paul appeal to the Corinthian believers? (1:10)
- Why did Paul ask the Corinthians to agree with one another? (1:10)
- In verses 10 thru 17, Paul addresses a major problem that existed in the church at Corinth. What was the problem? How does Paul address the problem? Does this same problem exist today? Give examples.
- The Apostle Paul had heard from Chloe's household that there were "quarrels" among the members of the church. **Read 2 Corinthians 12:20.**
- What other behaviors does Paul group together with "quarrels"?
- What specific consequences have you seen from some of these behaviors?

Additional Scripture: *Philippians 2:1-5*

Start Talking.

- What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- Who would you identify as the greatest influences in your life as a Christian?
- If you told someone you were a Christian, and they asked what "kind" of Christian you were, how would you answer?

Start Thinking.

- Does the church today face the same problems as Paul addressed in this letter? If so, what does this look like, and how could we apply Paul's remedy?
- What are some of the ways believers respond to disunity within a church?
- Would you say that you view other Christians, or other members of your church, as "brothers and sisters"? What does this mean to you?
- Have you ever thought of the people in the city as your brothers and sisters? Why or why not?

Start Sharing.

- How might "wisdom and eloquence" be viewed as emptying the cross of its power?
- What have you done this week to "build a bridge" for the purpose of gospel reconciliation?
- How will you obey the message as the people of God (Movement City Group)?

Start Doing.

- Read verses **1 Corinthians 1: 4 - 9** again. Paul opened this letter and others with words of encouragement. Why was it important for Paul to do this? Do you know someone or a group who are in need of encouragement? If so, write or call them with words of thanksgiving and encouragement.
- Are you living lives with other city group members in pursuit of Jesus, His likeness and renewal of the city? If not, why?
- How is it clear that you are operating in your "sweet spot" according to your spiritual gift? To take free online assessment, click the following link. <https://www.movementchurch.tv/discover>

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