

Sermon Summary

This week we begin a sermon series in the book of 1 Corinthians. The Apostle Paul writes this letter to encourage and instruct the New Testament Church at Corinth. This was a church (as we'll see as the weeks of the series go by) that was filled with problems and was dealing with some very tough issues. They were a broken people, and yet because of the Gospel, the grace of Jesus, these Corinthians were also a beautiful people. This is a reminder to us that the Church today (with all its imperfections) is still the beautiful bride of Christ.

Key Passage: 1 Corinthians 1:1-17

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

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What do you think it means to be "enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge" from Verse 5?

In Verse 9, Paul tells us that Jesus has called us into fellowship with Himself. This literally means that Christ wants believers in Him to share life together with Him. Do you have fellowship with Jesus? Talk about what that looks like in your life.

What is the difference between loving and following leaders, and exalting them to an unhealthy place?

What does Paul indicate is the answer to these divisions? Hint: Verse 13.

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What should we do to limit divisions and reach for unity?

Why would Paul say so many positive things in verses 4-9 when the Corinthian church was actually all messed up?

Take time to pray in your group for continued unity in the life of our church family!