

**TREATMENT FOR DPS**

1. A daily dose of the \_\_\_\_\_.

(1 Corinthians 1:13, 17)

2. A persistent pursuit of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

(1 Corinthians 3:1, 4)

3. A proper \_\_\_\_\_ perspective.

(1 Corinthians 3:5)

4. A more robust view of how God works through \_\_\_\_\_.

(1 Corinthians 3:8, 21-24)

**STAND IN OR SHINE OUT?**

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**THE DREAM AND PRAYER OF JESUS**

*John 17:20-21 NLT*

Did Jesus' prayer fall on deaf ears, or is it possible a particular sickness has plagued the church for centuries preventing this prayer from being answered?

*1 Corinthians 1:10-17, 3:1-9, 21-23 NLT*

**WHAT IS DPS?**

DPS is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

**SIGNS ONE MAY SUFFER FROM DPS INCLUDE:**

1. Immature \_\_\_\_\_

2. Immature \_\_\_\_\_

3. Immature \_\_\_\_\_

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**DISTINCT: Overcoming D.P.S.**

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## **GETTING STARTED**

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?

## **SUNDAY RECAP**

In 1 Corinthians 1:10-17, Paul's letter to the Corinthians begins by reminding them of their distinct identities in Christ, but then addresses ways in which they are no longer living out holiness. Their division is based on deified preference syndrome and their flesh is leading them more than the Spirit of God. Paul mentions that their jealousy and quarreling, among other things, are evidence of their spiritual immaturity. We can still see this today in the church. We bicker and argue amongst ourselves, instead of seeing individuals as who they are in Christ. We celebrate everyone's individual differences instead of rejoicing in the difference that unites us - being children of God.

## **STUDY & SHARE**

1. Read and reflect on 1 Corinthians: 1: 10-17. How did the passage relate to this week's message and how can you apply it to your life? Do you see the division Paul is discussing within our communities and households today? Why or why not?

2. In John 17, Jesus prays that his people would not be divided, just as He isn't divided. He asks that we not be divided based on personality preferences, cloaked in spiritual language. Read verses 20-21. Do you think God didn't answer Jesus' prayer? Or did our refusal to be used by God affected the answer to the prayer?

3. Do you think that being different is something our culture pursues or values? Individuals highlight every attribute, personality trait, and personal preference that makes them different and are more concerned with standing out than with blending in. Why do you think

society puts so much pressure on us to be different? How does that compare with how God calls us to be distinct?

***"I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren't ready for anything stronger. And you still aren't ready, for you are still controlled by your sinful nature."***

4. Read and reflect on 1 Corinthians 3:1-9. Where do you see yourself currently being immature in your walk? How are you relying on others to feed you spiritually?

## **WEEKLY QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER & DISCUSS**

What do you hear the Holy Spirit saying to you?

What do you need to own or adjust in your life in response to this week's message?

## **SHINE TO OTHERS**

As you think about this week's message and your time as a group, how can you use your distinctiveness to bring others into the fold and closer to Christ? Where can you use your influence as a Christ follower to reach individuals in your circles (neighbors, parents at school, co-workers, .etc.)?

## **SUPPORT // PRAYER**

I pray that I will always remember that I am distinct because I am a child of God. Help me to continue to bring others into the fold and not distance myself from others because of conflicting views.

Pray for those in your group as well as other needs within your group.

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