

## Discussion Questions

*A Beautiful Mess: Unity (1 Cor 1:10-17)*

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Instructions: A life group is a spiritual family. It is a time of mutual discussion, invitation, and growth together with the Holy Spirit. It's good to begin with prayer and 1-2 ice breaker questions to prime the pump and get to know one another. Then, after reading the Scriptures, **pick the questions that are of most interest to your group**. Don't end without a couple of application questions to live out our mission together. Finish with some time to care for one another and pray together.

### **Ice Breaker Question (pick 1-2 questions)**

1. What kinds of things have you seen divide a church?
2. Are there any ideas, beliefs, or associations (ex. Political parties) that you find easily cause division in your own life?
3. What is one thought or idea from Sunday's message that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, warmed, warned, helped, or surprised you?

### **Read and discuss 1 Corinthians 1:10-17**

1. Reading these verses, what impression do you get about what it was like in the Corinthian churches?
2. How is the church today similar?
3. What do you think it means to be "perfectly united in mind and thought?" Does this mean everyone has to agree about everything? Explain.
4. Why is division in the church so damaging?
5. Do you agree with Pastor Don that when we allow our differences to divide us, it is often rooted in pride ("I'm right, your wrong and it doesn't matter why you believe that"). Recognizing that our views are important, what does humility look like in this situation?
6. What grade would you give our church concerning unity? What grade would you give yourself? Explain.
7. Pastor Don said that regardless of our differences in secondary beliefs, preferences, and politics, we can be united in our worship of Jesus as King. Do you agree? What does this look like when we are all so different?
8. What did you like about this passage? What do you not like?

### **Application**

1. Pastor Don offered several ways to participate in this series: 1) Prayer Card, 2) Read 1 Corinthians, 3) Read Acts 18, and 4) Watch the Bible Project video ([AvalonChurch.org/1Cor](http://AvalonChurch.org/1Cor)), and 5) Give deeper in NT Wright's commentary ([AvalonChurch.org/Commentary](http://AvalonChurch.org/Commentary)). Have you done any of these? Did anything stand out to you?
2. If you mentioned areas of division in your life or in the church, what can you/we do to begin the journey towards unity?

3. What needs to change in your life as a result of this Scripture and discussion?
4. How can you bless someone else as a result of this Scripture and discussion?
5. How can we as a group bless someone in response to this passage?

**Pray Together**