



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

**October 22, 2023**  
**1 Corinthians 1:10-17**  
**“An Appeal for Unity”**

**QUESTIONS**

*(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)*

1. Paul opens his appeal to the Corinthian church with a cry for unity. Tony argues that "healthy churches are united churches." What are the positive impacts of unity within the church?
  - a. What are the negative impacts of disunity within the church?
  - b. In what other areas of life (family, workplace, etc.) is there a direct correlation between health and unity?
2. Paul usually waits until later in his letters to make an appeal to his recipients, but that is not the case for the church at Corinth. What are the three components of his plea to the Corinthians?
  - a. What could his early appeal (v10) convey about Paul and the Corinthian church?  
(Possible answers: his care, his concern, their unhealthiness, etc.)
3. Tied to disunity, Paul mentions that quarreling within the church has contributed to the unhealthiness within the church. What areas of your life have you witnessed become affected by quarreling and bickering?
4. Partiality is something that Paul sees as dangerous to the body and quickly rebukes it among the Corinthians. Where have you been tempted toward divisive tendencies and favoritism within the church?
  - a. What are other passages of Scripture that come to mind that warn against this kind of mindset, or behavior?
  - b. How could the Christian pursuit of unity within the church and rejection of favoritism/partiality be a witness to a non-believing world that functions off of factions and "following" culture?
5. Tony argues that the solution to the improper exaltation of man is to focus on Jesus! How can this growth group as committed, invested, supportive church members respect the leaders of our church without inappropriately worshiping/exalting them?
6. In verse 17, Paul humbly rejects his own exaltation by the Corinthian church so that the "cross of Christ [not] be emptied of its power." In multiple of his letters, Paul argues that unity is the result of beholding the beauty of Jesus and imitating his character over exemplary teaching, charisma, or skill. How does our allegiance to Jesus help us cross cultural, ethnic, racial, generational, or socio-economic boundaries in our churches and communities?
  - a. Who in your life needs to see the unity that comes through knowing the gospel of Jesus?