

**1/29/23**

**Sermon: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17**

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**The Church Divided**

**Passage:** 1 Cor: 1: 10 - 17 - "I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. 11 For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. 12 What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." 13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. 16 (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power."

**Sermon Notes:**

## **Instructions:**

This discussion guide serves as a conversation starter for your small group. Every week we will feature an icebreaker question in the **Belong** section as well as give you a recap from the week before. Your main discussion will be centered around the **Believe** section where you will read the key passage and answer suggested questions based on the sermon. Feel free to use some or all of these questions or add your own. Finally, in the **Become** section we will give you a couple of ways to practically apply what we have learned together.

**Week 2 Recap:** Last week Pastor David continued our series through the book of 1 Corinthians by reminding us that “Everything we need we have, everything we have, we have because of Jesus.” We looked at verses 4-9 which are commonly called the Thanksgiving portion of the letter of 1 Corinthians. This week, Pastor David continues through 1 Corinthians chapter 1 and focuses on verse 10-17 where Paul begins to confront one of the main problems in the church at Corinth.

**Belong:** Our likes and dislikes, opinions and preferences can divide us. Sometimes even unimportant things can divide us in a more lighthearted way.

Question: What type of cell phone do you carry? iPhone? Android? (or) What is your favorite college sports team in Florida? UCF, UF, or FSU?

**Believe:** Read 1 Corinthians 1:11-16. What is the problem Paul is addressing first in the church at Corinth? How have they divided themselves? Why do you think this has become a problem?

Why do you think the church may have favored one leader over another? Do you see this happening today in some Christian circles?

Read: Read 1 Corinthians 1:17. Paul is confident of his mission. What is his single-minded focus?

What are the essentials of the Gospel or “Good News” of Jesus Christ?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:10: What is Paul's appeal to the church? Do you think it is possible without Jesus? Why or why not? Do you think our unity as the Church could be a witness to those outside the Church? What kind of impact could the unity of First Orlando make in Central Florida?

Cross Reference: Philippians 1:27, Ephesians 4:1-6

**Become:** What is one practical step you can take to be single-minded in your focus to preach the Gospel? What is something we can do at First Orlando to be considerate of each other and cultivate a life that shares Jesus in common?

Prayer: Ask God to help you focus on the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to help us be united in what matters most—our faith in Jesus.