

Week 2 Discussion Questions

Text: 1 Cor 1:10-17

Series Resources: See last week's questions for helpful ESV Study Bible graphics.

Icebreaker: What causes groups or communities of people to divide? When have you experienced division in a group you've been a part of?

1. Read all of chapter 1 (even though we're only focusing on verses 10-17 this week). What stands out to you from the text or from the sermon this week?

2. How would you summarize the core problem the Corinthians are facing in verses 10-12? Why is their situation one that Paul can't just ignore?

Application: Do you see potential for or even examples of a similar type of division happening in churches today? Explain what you think.

3. Paul says in verse 11 that there are reports of quarreling in the church. Lots of organizations experience conflict, but what is especially troubling about quarreling in the church?

Application: What inspires Christians today to show an unhealthy allegiance to a particular leader or teacher?

4. In verses 13-17, Paul responds to the reports of conflict with a series of questions. What do you think his point is with these questions?

Application: What are some practical things we can do to keep our attention in the church on what Christ has done for us rather than on people who impress us?

5. How would you describe Paul's attitude toward his own ministry from these verses?

Application: Division that is not dealt with is deadly to a church! Pray for Calvary and pray for your LifeGroup—that we would be united by a common allegiance to Jesus Christ.