

# UNITED

## 1Corinthians

- **God wants His people united.**

- Read John 17:17-26. How important does unity seem to be to Jesus? What does He identify as motivations for unity?
- Read Ephesians 4:1-6. What does Paul identify as motivations for unity? What spiritual qualities come along with that kind of unity?

- **Unity is not natural to maintain.**

- What does the Corinthian church demonstrate as common roadblocks to unity? (1Cor 1:10-14 & 3:1-4)
- What positive virtues & actions would combat the roadblocks you identified?
- Factions are one display of disunity. What factions must we resist in the modern church or even in our church?

- **Unity of Purpose.**

- As Christ-followers, we ought to boast only in Him (1Cor 1:26-30). In what alternatives do you find yourself tempted to boast?
- Read 1Cor 3:10-15. What is the distinction between the types of building materials Paul identifies? As we labor for Christ, how do we know which type of building material we are using?

- **Unity against sin.** (1Cor 5:1-13)

- Describe the significance of the leaven principle in 5:6-8.
- Is there an entrenched sin issue in your life that, if exposed, would bring shame upon your testimony for Christ and our collective testimony as a church? Begin repentance tonight! Confess your sin to God, trust your confession with a partner, begin replacing the sin with righteous pursuits, and set up regular accountability.

- **Unity through conflict.** (1Cor 6:1-11)

- What does this passage demonstrate as unchristian expectations when it comes to conflict?
- If you are currently in conflict with a fellow believer right now, don't ignore it (remember the leaven principle).
- What virtues out you to arm yourself with when trying to resolve conflict? (Ephesians 6:10-18; Philippians 2:1-6)

- **Unity with one another in marriage / Unity with Christ in singleness.** (1Cor 7)

- Are you *spiritually* united with your spouse? How can you strengthen that unity?
- What did Paul identify as different advantages to singleness? (1Cor 7:25-35) Can you affirm these advantages in your life? What might be dividing your devotion to the Lord?