

Called to Unity in Christ: Together: A Study of 1 Corinthians

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Key Truth:

Our lives should reflect the godly unity that God himself has given us in Christ Jesus.

Christianity is a *team sport*. To work effectively as a team we need the trust and confidence to be who God called us to be. We also need to pull together toward a common goal. Throughout Christian history, the church has always needed teaching on how to work together to fulfill the Mission of Christ. The book of 1 Corinthians provides that teaching.

DISCUSS

Read **1 Corinthians 1:1-17** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon on being **Called to Unity in Christ**:

DIG IN

1. The Church in Corinth was a CALLED Church.

In verse 2, Paul writes “to those sanctified in Christ Jesus” (ESV). How does the rest of verse 2 help explain what that means? How would you state in your own words the significance of being “sanctified?”

In verse 9, Paul reminds the Corinthians that they were “called into the fellowship of [God’s] Son...” (ESV). “Fellowship” (*koinōnia*) means partnership, participation, or communion). In what ways does communion with Christ make us different from the unsaved? In what ways does it not?

2. The Church in Corinth was a GIFTED Church.

Why is it so important to use our spiritual gifts as a means remaining united while we wait for the return of Jesus Christ (v. 7)?

3. The Church in Corinth was a DIVIDED Church.

Paul exhorts the church in Corinth (v. 10) to be “united in the same mind and the same judgment.” (ESV). What would that look like practically in the church today?

Why are divided loyalties (vv. 11-13) so destructive in the church? What are some ways we can guard against this?

DO

One of the action points of this sermon was to “Call upon the Lord for Unity (v. 2).” Spend some time right now praying that the Lord Jesus Christ would keep FBC unified and would bring about greater unity in any areas where we seem to experience division.