



## THE LIVING GOSPEL

### COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-31

#### **Announcements**

- 1) Community Group Sunday is March 5. Community Groups will meet together to begin a season of prayer as we move toward Easter.**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

*This study guide is to help individuals and groups learn and apply the truths of Scripture to where you are in life right now. To get the most from this study guide, work through it on your own before gathering with your community group.*

For the second week of the Living Gospel Series through 1 Corinthians, we encounter Paul's rebuke on pride and division through the lens of the Gospel. After beginning with a work of encouragement, Paul teaches regarding the division in the Church at Corinth. He explains that many in the church associated themselves with certain teachers of the day and lost sight of their true leader, Christ. In verse 12, he explains that many different allegiances emerged in the church. While each of those leaders, Paul, Apollos, and Peter were messengers of the gospel, they were not meant to be the center of the church's worship. Paul reminds them that only Christ can bring them into true unity.

Paul then continues to show the importance of the gospel as the source of truth that overcomes the world's futile way of thinking. He explains that worldly thinking is actually folly. God intends to use the gospel, which people think is folly, to humble the world and bring forth real, lasting impact. Paul encourages the Church at Corinth to be united in gospel proclamation. He explains that since Christ is the one who gives wisdom from God, righteousness, sanctification and redemption, he is the only one worthy of the church's adoration and worship. As the church professes Christ, God is faithful to bring together a unified body of believers.

## **REFLECTION**

- 1) How has division impacted your life and relationships ?
- 2) When was a time in life you experienced unified community (teams, projects, serving, etc)?

## **BIBLE STUDY**

*The following questions will help you work through the passage.*

**Read 1 Corinthians 1:10-17**

- 3) What are some of the major problems in Corinth?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) One of the main problems in Corinth was pride in worldly wisdom. How did that pride divide the church at Corinth?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5) What ways have you seen the same problem in your life, relationships, workplace, etc.?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6) What result did that division have?

**Read 1 Corinthians 10:18-31**

**7) According to the passage, how does the Gospel message overturn worldly thinking?**

**(18-25)**

**8) According to the passage, what are 4 things Paul says we gain as believers in**

**Christ?**

**9) How do these things show us more about our true identity and purpose in Christ?**

**10) How does Paul contrast the believer's response to Christ with the world's**

**response?**

**11) What would others say you are currently boasting in or worshipping?**

**12) What is one step you can take toward unity in the body of Christ?**

## **PRAYER**

*Prayer is an essential component of your life as a follower of Christ, and an integral part of any healthy church body. This is a great opportunity to pray through 1 Corinthians 1:10-31.*

- 1. Ask the Lord to expose any false worship in your own heart and bring forth unified worship of Christ. (1:10-17)**
- 2. Pray for boldness to proclaim Christ and Him Crucified (1:18-25)**
- 3. Pray for the humility to boast only in Christ (1:26-31)**