

A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of October 1, 2023

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

Warm Up

• What does it take to repair broken relationships in Christian community?

I Corinthians 1:10-16 Is Christ Divided?

¹⁰ 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.)

- Paul introduces the topic He will discuss for the next several chapters of I Corinthians.
 What has Paul learned about the church in Corinth?
- Why might factions form around Paul, Apollos, and Cephas? (12)
- Paul learns about a problematic "Christ" party. Why might this group be trouble? (12)
- What point does Paul make by asking, "Is Christ divided?" (13)
- What point does Paul make by asking, "Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?" (13)
- Why does Paul enter into a discussion of Corinthian baptisms? (14-16)
- Quarrels are common in Christian community. And the Gospel gives us power to live reconciled lives with one another.
 Can you share about a time when Jesus led you to reconcile to another believer?
- Read the passage together again, and use it as a guide for a time of prayer.

To hear sermons and access past study guides visit www.wepc.org/resources/sermons-media-study-quide

Questions? Contact Pastor Kevin Greene, kevin@wepc.org

West end