

SERIES TITLE: **Marks of a Disciple**

PART ONE: **CHRIST-CENTERED**

TEXT: **1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-17**

INTRODUCTION.

In this series, we focus on each of our 5 values: Christ-centered, Biblical Truth, Genuine Worship, Sacrificial Mission, Authentic Fellowship. Each of these values helps describe what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. As we study what Scripture says, we will be called to a deeper understanding of who we are in Christ and how we are to live.

DISCUSSION.

Which family member or friend do you have the most differences with, and yet still maintain a close relationship? What makes that work?

EXAMINATION.

V.10 It's not possible for everyone to agree on every single thing, have the same interests, or preferences. Later on, Paul affirms that the church is made up of diverse people with different gifts. So what kind of agreement is he appealing for here?

Vv.11-13 "Quarreling" is a word that appears in other lists of sins (see Rom. 1:29-30 and Gal. 5:20-21). Based on this, how serious was the quarreling in Corinth?

What was the quarreling about?

How does Paul address it?

Vv.14-16 What does baptism have to do with all this?

V.17 What does this mean for the importance of baptism?

How could eloquence empty the message of the cross of its power?

APPLICATION.

- What kinds of divisions and/or quarrels are common in churches today?
- How can we find the right balance between giving too much glory to human leaders and not respecting them enough?

- How can we determine between secondary issues (which we can discuss), and primary issues (for which we would die)?
- How can we as a church all “say the same thing” about Jesus?
- FACT: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- REACT: What did you feel?
- ACT: What are you going to do?