

The Blessed Mess: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

Sermon Notes

Division (1 Corinthians 1:10-17)

- A. The Disease of Division (vs. 10-17)**
- B. The Symptoms of Division (vs. 11-12)**
- C. The Cure for Division (vs. 10)**

For Further Thought and Discussion

Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. When have you felt most united with God's people? When have you felt least united with God's people? What made the difference?

Going Deeper

3. Please read 1 Corinthians 1:10-17. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians addresses problems in this church (chapters 1-6) and questions the Corinthians had asked (chapters 7-16.) What is the first problem in the church of Corinth Paul addresses? How does Paul know this is a problem?
4. What symptoms of division does Paul see? How did these symptoms reflect the culture of Corinth? What symptoms of this same problem might Paul observe in the American church today?
5. According to vs. 11-12, what causes divisions in the church? What did the Corinthians have in common with the theological, political, ethnic and cultural divisions we see in the church today?
6. According to vs. 10, what is the solution to divisions in the church? How might we apply this practically at Creekside?

Application

What is one thing you will apply from this discussion?