



DIGGING DEEPER

1 Corinthians 1v1-17 – **Unity**

PLEASE READ – 1 Cor 1v1-17

GETTING STARTED

What words might you use to describe the church in Corinth? See v1-2 as well as drawing on your understanding of the whole letter...

1) CALLED BY CHRIST (v1-7)

When you consider the problems in the church does it surprise you how warm Paul's opening words are?

Why did Christ call us to himself? What does he want us to be like?

What can we learn from Paul's pastoral heart? Think particularly about how we should respond to those we find it harder to get on with...

2) KEPT BY CHRIST (v8-9)

How encouraging would those words have been to a faltering church like Corinth?

What encourages you most in those 2 verses?

3) UNITED IN CHRIST (10-17)

What is the basis of Paul's appeal in v10?

What is the particular issue in view in v11-12?

Where do we need to be careful in terms of our own personal preferences?

Is division always wrong? Talk through your reasoning...

Where do Paul's 3 questions lead in v13? Why does Paul want to lead us here?

What is the main takeaway for you? Pray about it...

Meditate on the words below...

1 Cor 1v2: *To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ – their Lord and ours...*