

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why is it important for Christians to be united?
- Whom should Christians follow? Why?



The Church Was Divided

1 Corinthians 1:10-31

MAIN POINT: PAUL WROTE THAT CHRISTIANS ARE JOINED TOGETHER BY FAITH IN JESUS.

Paul started the Corinthian church and stayed there for about a year and a half. Then he traveled on to keep preaching the good news of Jesus.

Six years later, Paul heard that the church in Corinth was struggling. So Paul wrote a letter to help the church solve its problems.

The believers in Corinth were divided. Paul said that the believers should not be divided; they should all agree on what they believe. Paul wrote that Christians are joined together by faith in Jesus.

“Is Jesus divided?” Paul asked. Of course not! Jesus died on the cross, and the believers were baptized in Jesus’ name. They should come together because of the gospel. Believers all agree that Jesus is Lord, so Paul said they should get along and love one another.

Paul encouraged his friends in Corinth to think about the fact that God chose them to be in His family. God did not choose anyone because of that person’s wisdom or power or family.

Paul said that God saves people who trust in Jesus. No one can earn salvation, so no one can brag about being saved. If the Corinthian believers wanted something to be proud of, they could be proud of Jesus and what He has done.

Christ Connection: Paul told believers in the Corinthian church to come together because of the gospel of Jesus. He reminded them that Jesus saves sinners. Because of Jesus and what He has done, believers can humbly come together as one body.

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Puzzle Pie

Match each loose piece with the spot it belongs in the puzzle.



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Group Grid

Divide the grid into four sections, each section containing four squares. Each section must contain each phrase in the main point: **Paul wrote that Christians are joined together by faith in Jesus.** Phrases may appear out of order. (Hint: We've done the first one for you.)