

“That There Be No Divisions Among You” (5/25/25)

Verses: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13

Main Verse: 1 Corinthians 1:10

'Takeaway': Unity in the church means more than everyone acting alike or agreeing about everything. It means a shared commitment, in spite of our differences, to the priority of the gospel and gospel-centered living.

Getting Started: If you're on the same sports team as other kids from your community, how should you act toward one another as teammates, even if you don't know them very well?



READ: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

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Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

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