



## “Jesus-Centered Church”

I Corinthians 1:10-17 (ESV)

### 1. The Appeal for Unity

1 Corinthians 1:10 I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

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### 2. The Report of Quarreling

1 Corinthians 1:11 For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.”

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### 3. The Case for Jesus-Centered Church

1 Corinthians 1:13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

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Closed-circuit for New Life Church...

1. Favorite Teachers

2. Man-Centered Christianity

3. Protecting Unity

4. Jesus-Centered Church

#### Brother’s Keeper Thought:

Share with your small group or spiritual partner any experiences you’ve had in churches where division took root and did damage. How did it happen? How was it handled? How could it have been prevented? Give each other permission to speak truthfully to you if they should ever observe divisive tendencies in you.

#### Bible Reading Plan

- Sun.: Acts 28     Mon.: 1 Cor. 1     Tues.: 1 Cor. 2
- Wed.: 1 Cor. 3     Thurs.: 1 Cor. 4     Fri.: 1 Cor. 5
- Sat.: 1 Cor. 6     Sun.: 1 Cor. 7