

Unity in the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 1:1-12)

Key Takeaways:

- 1. Our identity in Christ is foundational to our behavior and unity.
- 2. Real change begins with accepting what God says is true about us.
- 3. Disunity in the church undermines the work of Christ in bringing people together.
- 4. We are called to actively mend relationships and maintain unity in the body of Christ.
- 5. Unity is achieved by focusing on serving Jesus above all else.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Paul begins his letter by reminding the Corinthians of their identity in Christ. Why do you think this approach is significant? How does our identity in Christ impact our daily lives?
- 2. The sermon mentions the "gravity of identity." What does this mean to you, and how have you experienced it in your own life?
- 3. How can labeling others positively or negatively affect their sense of identity and behavior? Share an experience where someone's words about your identity impacted you.
- 4. The sermon discusses various sources of division in the church (music preferences, political views, backgrounds, etc.). Which of these do you find most challenging in maintaining unity? Why?
- 5. What does it mean to "always be mending the nets" in the context of church unity? Can you share an example of when you've seen this in action?
- 6. How can we balance expressing our individual opinions and preferences while still prioritizing unity in the church?
- 7. Reflect on the A.W. Tozer quote about pianos. How does this analogy help us understand unity in the church?