

Study Guide: One Last Thing

Reading:

- Romans 16:17-20
- 2 Corinthians 11:14
- James 1:6

Warm Up:

- Have you ever experienced a situation where you felt divided from a group or community? How did it affect you?
- What are some recent experiences that have challenged or strengthened your faith?
- Before this study, how did you understand the concept of divisions within the church?

Scripture Exploration:

- What are the main warnings that Paul gives in Romans 16:17-20, and why are they important?
- Reflect on the analogy of the poisoned well used in the sermon. How does this relate to the church and its teachings?
- How does 2 Corinthians 11:14 warn us about deception within the church?

Personal Reflection:

- How do the essential doctrines listed in the sermon shape your understanding of the Christian faith?
- Compare the warning about divisions in Romans 16 with James 1:6. What similarities or differences do you find?
- What does it mean to be wise in what is good and simple concerning evil, as Paul advises?

Personal Application:

- In what ways can you be more discerning about the teachings you encounter in your faith community?
- How can you apply Paul's exhortation to "avoid" those who cause divisions in your own life?
- Identify one action step you can take this week to strengthen your understanding of essential Christian doctrines.
- Consider how your actions and words can contribute to unity within your community. What changes can you make to promote peace and understanding?