Unity: A Necessity in The Church
1 Corinthians 1:10-17

● WELCOME God’s People (15 minutes)
● WORSHIP God (10 minutes – song, reading of Psalms or prayers of thanks/praize). You can use prayers of thanksgiving or adoration as your time of worship
● Live by God’s WORD (45 minutes)

Over the years, there seems to have been an increase in the amount of crowd violence in our country. People seem to have shorter tempers in these days. Many do not think about the results of anger, vulgar language, or violent conflict. The prospect of living in peace and harmony, with one another, does not seem to be a sensible pursuit. It seems many people think it is a sign of weakness, if they lay aside the anger and attempt to resolve it with humility, apology, and calm conversation.

Although we, Christians, do not practice violence in our conflicts, we still have ways of harming relationships with people. We can ignore people; prevent them from attaining something or gossipping. These things can occur with other Christians as well as non-Christians. Our beliefs and behaviors are to blame. That is one reason the Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian Church and commanded them to eliminate divisions and practice unity (vs 10).

The Corinthians were divided over Bible knowledge and the popularity of those, who were in leadership positions. The Apostle Paul understood that division in the church had many dangers and was costly. People can be hurt. People can drop out of church, or even give up serving in ministry. The name of Jesus Christ is dishonored. Those, who need Christ the most, may end of dropping out of church altogether.

The Christian Church, of today, suffers from some of those same issues that the churches experienced during the life of Paul. However, turning our beliefs and actions toward Jesus Christ will bring health and healing to any congregation.

Suggested Questions for Discussion and Growth
1. Why does Paul give such a severe condemnation about division? (verse 1).
2. What is an effective way you solved a disagreement with another believer?
3. How do divisions weaken a church?
4. What did you hear, in the sermon that has been helpful to you as a servant of Christ?

● Impact God’s WORLD (20 min)
1. Your group should find an activity you can do together and bless someone’s life.
2. Consider your relationships and plan to repair the broken ones, if possible.
3. Take time to pray those you know, who are unbelievers. How can you influence them?

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 3 minutes:
1. Share: ● any planned group activity ● important church announcements ● next meeting time
2. You should have a copy of the church bulletin to help remind the group of important events.

CLOSING – Please turn in your attendance each week. It helps us evaluate our progress.