

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

READ

- Read 1 Corinthians 1:10-31 and commit to meditate on it this week.
- Write here what you think is the main idea the author wishes to communicate:

EXAMINE

- After praising the Lord for grace he sees in the Corinthian believers (1:1-9), Paul turns to rebuke the believers for a source of division they were supporting. What was the division about, and what focus does he say needs to take its place (10-12)?
- Baptism actually became another source of division, particularly who the baptizer was (13-16). Instead of forming camps around who baptized them, what does Paul point the believers to as their true source of unity (17)?
- How does Paul characterize the believers' unity from the world's perspective and from the Christian perspective (18-25)?
- What truths about God and man does Paul urge the believers to think on that will unify the division in the church (26-31)?

APPLY

- What are some divisive camps that currently exist in the culture outside of the church? What is the world's way to respond to those divisions?
- Think carefully about our church and the divisions that we tend to allow or even support. What sources of division can you think of, and are those divisions truly the Lord's will for our church? Why or why not?
- What truths about God can strengthen our unity? Also, what are some truths about you and other believers that further serve to unify you?

PRAY

- Thank the Father for His infinite wisdom that is greater than the world's foolishness. Humble yourself before God and seek to live according to His wisdom and perspective.
- Confess to God any sins that He has convicted you about from 1 Corinthians 1:10-31.
- Pray for one another to pursue true unity based on our common devotion to Jesus Christ.