Stronger: A Plea for Unity
1 Corinthians 1:10-17
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Unity involves a personal desire and willingness to...

Align with other believers within a local church. (10)

Give <u>allegiance</u> to Jesus Christ and His church above personal <u>affinities</u>, <u>agendas</u> and <u>affiliations</u>. (11-16)

Contribute to a <u>powerful witness</u> for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (17)

Questions for Discussion:

What are some things that cause schisms in a church?

Are you guilty of any of these reasons?

What will it look like for you to repent and pursue unity?

Pastor Jeff listed three things that we must agree one:

- Doctrinal issues and teaching of the Word of God
- Relational unity
- Philosophy of ministry

What do such disagreements over these issues look like in a typical church?

Are you at a place of disagreement on any of these issues?

What will it look like for you to pursue resolution?

What are some of the things you have observed that get in the way some Christian's service to Christ and His church?

Are any of these things presently getting in your way of serving?

What will it look like for you to "set it aside" and serve?