Connect Group 10-25

Welcome

Opening Question: What is a group or club that you were, or are, a part of?

Worship

Word

Read 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 and answer the following questions.

1) What is the problem in these verses?
2) How would you describe these divisions?
3) What is Paul's reaction to what is happening?
4) Contrast what is happening in Corinth with Jesus' prayer in **John 17:22-23.**

Digging Deeper:

1) The Corinthians are identifying with different teachers. What problems are there with this?
2) What are the potential problems of the church dividing into factions like those described here?
3) Has there been a person in your spiritual walk who modeled healthy unity and inclusion to you?
4) Even though the Corinthians are divided into factions, the same is not true of these different Christian leaders. Read the following verses: **1 Corinthians 3:5-6, 16:12, 2 Peter 3:14-15.**
5) Read **1 Corinthians 1:10** again. Then pick from some of the following verses on Christian unity: **Ephesians 4:3, Philippians 2:1-3, Romans 16:17, James 3:16, Colossians 3:12-15. Comment.**
6) When might there be a time to break fellowship with others?
7) One of the biggest problems in the Corinthian factions is that it pulls the focus off Christ and places it on people. How can we get caught up in "hero worship" instead of following Jesus?
8) The Corinthians seem to be caught up in their perceived status. What is the problem with this and what SHOULD believers be focused on?
9) What else stands out to you in this passage?

Works

Pray for one another and for opportunities to share the Gospel.