

Unity in Christ

True unity is found when we lay down our pride, overcome our divisions, and submit ourselves to the self-sacrificing mind of Jesus.

Day 1 Afternoon

Read “Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you...” (1 Corinthians 1:10, NKJV)

Think About

- Why does Paul invoke the name of Jesus when asking for unity?
- What does it look like for a diverse group to "speak the same thing"?

Notice

- An urgent appeal: _____
- A negative command: _____
- What this shows about Christ's desire for us: _____

Apply Where in my community do I most need to pray for the "same mind" today?

Day 2

Read “Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided?” (1 Corinthians 1:12-13, NKJV)

Think About

- Why is it dangerous to attach our spiritual identity to human leaders?
- How can claiming "I follow Christ" also become a divisive clique?

Notice

- Four factions listed: _____
- The sharp question asked: _____
- What this shows about loyalty: _____

Apply Am I giving any human leader the allegiance that belongs only to Jesus?

Day 3

Read “For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?” (1 Corinthians 3:3, NKJV)

Think About

- Why does Paul connect arguing and envy with spiritual immaturity?
- How does acting "carnal" lead to divisions?

Notice

- Three evidences of carnality: _____
- The result of this behavior: _____
- What this shows about true maturity: _____

Apply When I disagree with another believer, how can I prioritize peace over proving I am right?

Day 4

Read “Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.” (1 Corinthians 4:1-2, NKJV)

Think About

- How does the word "steward" change our view of church leadership?
- Why does God value faithfulness over popularity?

Notice

- Two titles for leaders: _____
- The primary requirement: _____
- What this shows about serving God: _____

Apply How can I support and pray for my church leaders without turning them into idols?

Day 5

Read “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus... [who] made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant...” (Philippians 2:5-7, NKJV)

Think About

- What does it practically mean to "make yourself of no reputation"?
- How does the mind of Christ cure our need to be "right"?

Notice

- The command given: _____
- The action Jesus took: _____
- What this shows about humility: _____

Apply What is one "right" or privilege I might need to give up for the sake of unity this week?

Day 6

Read “Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: ” (Colossians 1:24, NKJV)

Think About

- Why would Paul "rejoice" in suffering for others?
- How does sharing hardships together build community bonds?

Notice

- Paul's emotion regarding suffering: _____
- Who the suffering is for: _____
- What this shows about Christian love: _____

Apply Whose burden can I help carry in my church family this week?

Day 7 Reflection

This week I discovered:

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A truth about Jesus I want to remember:

One step I will take this week:

Prayer: