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**MCA**

BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST

## Sermon Outline

### Key verse

*I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.*

1 Corinthians 1:10

### 3 Keys to preserving unity

#### 1. Keep Christ first

*For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ crucified.*

1 Corinthians 2:2

#### 2. Watch your words

*If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.*

Galatians 5:15

#### 3. Pray for one another

*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.<sup>3</sup> And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ.*

Colossians 4:2-3

## UNITY

**MAY 25**  
**DISCUSSION GUIDE**

### Opening Thought

Today we are starting our summer sermon series in 1-2 Corinthians. Paul urges the believers to be unified. We are called to commit our own lives wholeheartedly to Jesus and we need others with us on the journey. We are to build up the body of Christ. Let's keep pursuing our mission together – healthy, strong, and unified!

### Ice breakers

- Share God-sightings from this week. Where have you seen the Lord at work?
- Have you ever been a part of a close-knit team? (sports, work, etc) Share about it.

### Dig Deeper

- Why do you think unity in the local church is important?
- What tends to divide Christian believers? Any examples of silly disputes you have witnessed in the body of Christ?
- Thom Rainer says, *"One of the greatest sicknesses in our churches in America is disunity."* Agree or disagree?
- What do we know about the Corinthians? Is there anything similar to our culture?
- Read 1 Corinthians 1:18. Why is the message of the cross foolishness to the world?
- John shared 3 keys to keeping unity at MCA. Which one do you most want to work on in your own life?
- What would happen if a church decided to completely quit gossiping? Are you willing to commit to it?
- How might Satan benefit from disunity among followers of Jesus? How can we thwart his plans to sow discord?

### Closing

Unfortunately, many people have experienced the pain of disunity in the church. The best response is to give it to the Lord and to pursue Christ along with other fellow believers. This honors God and proclaims our witness to the world. *"As far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."* (Romans 12:18)