

# *life* groups

Stop The Party  
1 Corinthians 1:10-17

## Sermon Summary

The church at Corinth was a church divided along party lines and the result was not good. The division was so bad that the church was involved in open quarrels and its testimony was damaged. Paul confronted the Corinthians and pointed out the absurdity of the division and called them to reconcile around Jesus.

## Diving Into The Message

1. God has created each minister as an individual and gifted them with unique personalities in order to reach a broad spectrum of people. Who are some of the ministers God has used in your life to win you to Jesus, help you grow in Christlikeness, and generally bless your spiritual development? What about them blessed you and what about them do you like?
2. People are people and personalities aren't perfect. What are a few dangers of dividing around or building your life or a church around a ministry personality?
3. Because we are all different, we all have differing preferences and tastes, even when it comes to ministry styles and philosophies. Paul, Apollos, and Peter ministered differently, but they were unified by one primary truth. What was that truth?
4. As BBC ministers in a diverse community, what should be the guiding principles that determine our ministry philosophies and methods? When a church applies these principles to ministry plans and decisions, what might it mean for individual members of the church?
5. There were some in Corinthian who, out of Pharisaical elitism, claimed allegiance to Christ. While it seems noble to have committed to the "Christ party," what was the problem with their claim?
6. In what other ways did pride divide the church and how does pride divide churches today? Do you see prideful division in our church?
7. What is one take-away from today's message and how will you apply it to your life?

## Prayer Action

1. Tonight, our students are training for their summer mission trip to work with Impact Church in Lebanon, Ohio. Pray for their focus and that they would be spiritually prepared to represent the Lord and share the Gospel with unbelievers.
2. In John 17 Jesus prayed that God would make the disciples one group without division. Pray that BBC will be a unified body for His glory.