



THE WIN

What WE believe determines to whom WE belong and defines what WE become. Our goal this week is to develop unity and identity through understanding key doctrinal beliefs.

**3-5
minutes**

SERMON RECAP: WHAT DID THE TEXT MEAN? WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

**3-5
minutes** **Read this aloud:**

Throughout history disunity has caused the split or the division of many churches. It is paramount that we learn from the mistakes of the past. In this week's message, our primary text focuses on 1 Corinthians 1:10 and 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. In these verses we see the importance of understanding what we believe and growing in unity around the truths presented.

WARM UP

**3-5
minutes** **Icebreaker:**

- Have each person choose a small item from what they brought with them, such as lip balm, a quarter, or a pen from a pocket or purse.
- Have group members pass their objects to the person on their left (or trade objects so that everyone has a new object).
- Take turns allowing each group member to describe how he/she is similar to and different from the new object.

Ask This:

What are some effective communication skills that help maintain relationships when dealing with opposing points of view?

THE TEXT: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

20-25 minutes Have someone read 1 Corinthians 1:10

Read this aloud:

The passage says that we should “agree in what you say, that there should be no divisions among you”.

- What are some examples of disagreements you have experienced or heard about within the church?
- How have arguments within the church affected your view of the church?
- What are issues on which church members should agree?
- Are there any issues where disagreement is acceptable?

The 1 Corinthians 1:10 passage places a high emphasis on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Why do you think Paul placed so much emphasis on Jesus’ name?
- Discuss the difference between the terms Uniformity and Unity.

Have someone read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Read this aloud:

In the message this week we learned that our beliefs unify and draw us together. We call this common set of beliefs our Doctrine. In the passage 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, some of the key doctrines or beliefs of our faith are presented:

1. The Doctrine of Man and the Doctrine of Sin

This means that Jesus died for the forgiveness of our sins

- Discuss the meaning of sin
- Where in the bible does sin originate? What was the first sin?
- How has sin affected our relationship with God?
- How do you respond to sin in your life?

Read this aloud:

James 5:16 says “Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.”

- Why is confessing sin to one another difficult?
- What are some ways we as a group can make confession a healthy part of our meetings?
- Do you have any sin that you would like to confess?

2. The Doctrine of Scripture and The Doctrine of Christ

The 2nd doctrine discussed on Sunday reveals that Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies that He was the Messiah. It was communicated in the message that there are over 600 prophecies in the Old Testament about the Messiah and that Jesus fulfilled every one of them.

- How does this information change your view of the Old Testament?
- Why is the fulfillment of these prophecies through Jesus important to our faith?
- What ways could this truth encourage you to read through the whole bible?

WATCH:

Have the group watch the Threads Week 1 (We Believe) video that was sent via RightNow media in the training post

3. The Doctrine of God and the Doctrine of Salvation

The 3rd doctrine in this passage is that Jesus was buried, rose from the dead and was seen by many.

- a. Why is it imperative for the redemption of mankind that Christ literally died?

Have someone read Acts 5:30 and Romans 8:11

- b. What does Jesus' resurrection reveal to us about the Trinity?
- c. Discuss the unity within the Trinity, how can our group enjoy the same aspects of unity?
- d. What does the resurrection mean to us as mortals?
- e. What kind of impact do you think the resurrection of Jesus had on the 500 witnesses in 1Corinthians 15:6?

DIGGING DEEPER

In 1 Corinthians 15:1 Paul states that he has been proclaiming the gospel to the church at Corinth and that they had received it. In Mark 16:15 Jesus said "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation."

- a. Ask your group if anyone would be willing to share their version of the gospel story

Leader Tip:

If no one in the group volunteers, share your version of the gospel story

Helpful Key Words:

God – Creation – Harmony – Disobedience – Consequence – Need – Promise Made – Promise Kept