

In the coming studies, we will see that the Corinthian church had lots of problems. Why do you think Paul chose this particular problem to tackle first?

Considering the answer you gave to the first question and what you have learned from 1Corinthians, are there any attitudes or behaviours towards church that you need to change?

Conclude your time together in prayer. Give thanks for your church family and ask God to protect us from divisions.

Week beginning 15th July 2024
Sermon: Sunday 21st July 2024

Study 1: God's Church - His gifts/their problems

Readings: 1Corinthians 1:1 - 17

What thoughts, feelings and/or images does the word 'church' produce in you? Why?

Read 1Corinthians 1:1 - 9:

Who is the letter written to? Who is it from? How are they each described in verses 1 - 2?

List all the things that God has done for the Corinthian church (vv4 -9).

Do you think these things are true of every church? If so, to what extent?

Read 1Corinthians 1:13 - 17:

What seems to be Paul's main point in these verses?

Read 1Corinthians 1:10 - 12:

What problem does Paul describe here?

What effect do you think this should have on the divisions and quarrelling in the church?

How do you think this problem has arisen?

Do you think this can still be a problem in churches today?

In verses 4 - 9, Paul reminds the church of the abundant blessings they have in Christ. What effect do you think this should have on the divisions and quarrelling in the church?