

ENCORE Discoveries

1. What is the key theme in these verses? BODY (or “CHURCH”) _____
2. Discussion of Corinth, Greece (the location of the Corinthian church). Geographically and culturally, what kind of city was Corinth?
3. Being raised in that environment, what kind of moral and intellectual background would most of the Corinthians have adopted? And does it surprise you that the Corinthian church was a worldly, immature church? Why or why not?
4. In verses 2-9, Paul made sure he first encouraged this group of fleshly believers. What were some specific things that he said about what they had going for them?
5. What was the *main point* of Paul’s encouragement to them in verses 2-9?
6. What was the basic “problem” Paul mentions in verses 10-13?
7. Who were the basic “players” and why do you think they were chosen?
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8. Human nature enjoys following human leaders. *Ask yourself:* Am I more attracted to those with a dominant personality, a better teaching style, or some other outward “pleasantry”? Does this attitude promote unity?
9. According to I Corinthians 3:4, what was the root cause of their divisiveness?
10. What is the cure for spiritual immaturity or carnality?

Lesson Truth: Body *unity* comes through member *maturity*.

Personal Application: What next step do I need to take in my life to move on to maturity in Christ?

Theme: Body Unity

Monday

The Corinthians lived in a culture that lacked Biblical standards and flaunted anti-Biblical thought-patterns. In other words, Corinth was morally corrupt and intellectually humanistic. Do you feel that America has adopted some of these traits in the past years? Can you think of one specific way that you can make a difference for Christ in your world, where you are, in one of those areas? Put it here:

Tuesday

Look up “divide” in a dictionary and write down the meaning or use a thesaurus and write down its synonyms.

What can *I* do to prevent divisions at BRBC?

Wednesday

How do quarrels begin? Look at Proverbs 13:10, then answer.

Thursday

List several “cures” for pride. (Recommended verses: Proverbs 29:23; I Peter 5:5-7; Romans 12:14-16; I Corinthians 13.)

Friday

Look up “unite” in a dictionary and write down the meaning or use a thesaurus and write down its synonyms. Then answer the questions below.

What is a definition or synonym for “unite” or “unity”?

What can *I* do to help *unite* BRBC?

Saturday

Can you think of either a song or a verse dealing with unity? (You may even want to write a poem highlighting the thoughts of this past week. Use a separate sheet if necessary.)

Suggested prayer: “Heavenly Father, no human leader, no matter how gifted or effective, should be given the loyalty that belongs only to You. Help me to honor those in authority over me, but keep my deep heart’s loyalty for You alone. Help me to be a uniter, not a divider. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”
