

Great Church Fights

First Colony Church of Christ
Small Group Discussion Guide
January 18, 2012

Agree to Agree 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Icebreaker:

We have all had fights: Fights with parents, siblings, spouses, friends, enemies and even strangers. Sometimes we fight over silly things and sometimes the fights have interesting outcomes. What's the silliest thing you have fought over?

Discussion:

1. The city of Corinth was a strategic port city, located at a crossroads and near the water. Why is this important to know? How might Corinth have been similar to modern day Houston?
2. The Corinthian church was not always viewed in the best light. But in 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Paul has some pretty great things to say about them. Why was important for the Corinthians to realize how God sees them? Why is it important for us to do the same?
3. The Corinthians were fighting amongst themselves. In verse 10 Paul appeals to them to be perfectly united in mind and thought. Why is this important for them? Does being united allow for differences of opinion? What is the difference between *differences* and *divisions*?
4. In verses 12-17, Paul highlights how the Corinthians are claiming to follow different men. Why did Paul not want people to claim to be baptized by him (v. 15)? Is this a danger for us today? How can we protect against divisively following people?
5. What are some potential danger issues that could end in major divisions in our church? How do we prevent these kind of fights in our church? What can we learn from the advice Paul gives the Corinthians to help us?