

Care Group Homework
(For the week of November 1, 2009)

I Corinthians 1:10-17 - What We Believe About the Church

Getting to know one another:

1. This last week we were able to watch football, basketball, baseball and hockey. It also snowed. What is your favorite sport to watch? What is your favorite outdoor activity?

Getting into the Word:

2. Read I Corinthians 1:10-17. Why do you think we continue to have divisions in the church today?

3. What is Paul's response to divisions in the church? How should that guide our response?

4. What do you think would be sufficient reason to divide from other believers? What are some problems with choosing to divide? What are some benefits?

5. Ephesians 5:22-24 tells us that Christ is the head of the church. What is the importance of that statement? How does it play out in our lives?

6. Acts 6 teaches that at least in some circumstances the local church made decision concerning the appointing of leaders. What other means of choosing leaders do you see in the scripture? How does the concept of the priesthood of all believers impact your view of church structure?

7. We affirm two ordinances of the church, Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Do you think there could be other ordinances? Although the words are often used interchangeably, what is the difference between an ordinance and a sacrament? Why is it significant that we believe in ordinances rather than sacraments?