



**Home Group study: week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**THEME: CORINTH A CHURCH ON THE WILD SIDE - NOT THE WILD WEST**

**PASSAGE: 1 CORINTHIANS 1 vs 10—31**

### **LAUNCH**

Films books and dramas love to focus on factions, power struggles & betrayal. Which are the best ones that you have read or seen & why?

### **DISCOVERY & UNDERSTANDING**

**Read 1 Corinthians 1:10-17.**

Why do you think that factions formed around Paul, Apollos & Cephas (Peter)? How might adherents to particular factions have argued in support of their particular leader?

Do the same problems exist in today's church with preferential followings of Christian leaders? What is the possible cause of this & why is it potentially so damaging for the church?

The 'Christ party' is an interesting faction. If we assume it was undesirable, what might have been the negative traits of this particular group?

**Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31.**

vs18 - 'The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing'  
Never has this statement been truer than today. What are the belief systems that counter the message of the cross in today's world? In what ways is the cross seen as being so foolish to modern man?

What can we do to combat these belief systems?

How does Paul argue that the Christian should be humble in these verses? (at least 2 lines of argument)

How can we be humble in the way we share our faith with others?

### **APPLICATION**

Pray for continued unity in the church & that no foolish factions would form

Pray for opportunities to share the gospel in humble but also clear ways with those around us