

TAKEAWAY

Real Life Church

GATHER ROUND JESUS

Sunday 24th February 2019

INTRODUCTION

On Sunday, we began a new series on 1 Corinthians called Real Life Church. At 10:30 and The Six, Matt looked at 1 Corinthians 1:10-17. In this passage, Paul responds to some problems in the Corinthian church. Factions had developed, with cliques of people gathering around leaders they each preferred.

READ

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

DISCUSS

1. Think briefly about this introduction to 1 Corinthians. How would you summarise this opening?

READ

1 Corinthians 1:10-12

DISCUSS

2. What is at the heart of Paul's 'appeal'? Is it a realistic goal?
3. We all like to think we're reasonable people! What stops us from getting on with each other?
4. The Corinthians had formed cliques around Paul, Apollos, Peter and 'Christ' (though in context, this meant people who supposed

they didn't need help from leaders or anyone else as they knew all about Jesus by themselves).

Why do people often align with a particular leader or group? What about us makes this a common occurrence?

5. Have you ever been part of an exclusive group or excluded by one? How did each experience make you feel?

READ

1 Corinthians 1:13-17

DISCUSS

6. If someone said, "Christians can't agree on anything so why should I consider Christianity?" what would you say to them?

7. What does it mean for us to gather round Jesus instead of our other ideas or respected leaders?

8. How can seeing what Jesus did on the cross change our tendency to get into a clique or exclusive group?

APPLY IT

9. How good are you at engaging with new people at church? Why do you think that is?
10. How can your group be more invitational and less 'cliquey'?
11. What attitudes do we need to turn away from in order to gather round Jesus as He intended?

