

Small Group Discussion Guide

The Importance of Church Unity Part 2



Know It

Read Together:

- Romans 16:17–18
- Romans 15:1–6

Discussion Questions:

1. According to Romans 16, what are believers told to *watch out for* and *avoid*? Why?
2. What motivates divisive people, based on verse 18?
3. In Romans 15, what does unity look like in action?
4. What stands out about Christ’s example in verses 3–6?
5. Why do you think churches are more often divided by preferences rather than doctrine?

Key Takeaways to Highlight:

- Division often comes from within, not outside.
- Unity requires intentional effort and spiritual maturity.
- Jesus is the model for selfless unity.
- Pleasing God > pleasing ourselves.



Share It *(Reflect personally and honestly)*

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever experienced division in a church or group? What caused it?
2. Why do “preferences and personalities” become such big issues?
3. Which is harder for you personally: confronting division or avoiding it?
4. When have you seen unity done well in a church? What made it work?
5. How do “smooth talk and flattering words” still show up today?

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Live It (*Apply the truth this week*)

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one way you can actively *build someone up* this week?
2. Is there a relationship where you need to choose unity over preference?
3. How can you guard your heart against becoming divisive?
4. What does it look like for you personally to “not please yourself” this week?
5. How can this group model unity better moving forward?

Action Step (Choose One):

- Encourage someone in the church this week
- Resolve a small conflict instead of ignoring it
- Pray daily for unity in your church
- Practice listening over speaking in disagreements



Prayer

Closing Prayer Focus:

- Unity in the church
- Humility in relationships
- Discernment against division
- Christ-centered attitudes

Closing Thought

Unity doesn't mean sameness—it means shared purpose in Christ. A unified church becomes a powerful witness because it reflects Jesus clearly to the world.