

SERMON NOTES

Date: September 124, 2017

Series: Messy Church

Title: Fractured

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Big Idea: Fractures in church can have devastating effects on our unity in the faith.

MAKE IT REAL

Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

REVIEW THE SERMON

Why are fractures or divisions in the church potentially so devastating to the witness and effectiveness of the church? _____

Have you experienced fractures in the church before? What was at the root of these divisions and what was the outcome (cf. 3:3)? _____

Why does God place such a priority the unity of his people? What words does Paul use to express how we should live in harmony with one another (v. 10)? _____

What kinds of things fractured the Corinthian church and how do we see similar things fracturing the church today (vs. 11-13)? _____

God may use a person's eloquence or personality in the ministry, yet what is ultimately the only source of transforming power we really have (v. 17)? _____

APPLY THE TRUTH

What keeps you from being united in the same mind and judgment with others in the church? In what ways do you think you should lay aside your own preferences and opinions? _____

In what ways do you treat Christ like he is divided by giving undue preference to one leader or teacher over another? What does a godly perspective toward these leaders and their teaching look like? _____

In what ways are you tempted to place a greater emphasis on the style of a ministry or the eloquent wisdom of a leader instead of on the faithfulness to proclaim a pure gospel? How will this affect your effectiveness as a member of the local church in the long run? _____

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Pray that the leaders of Riverview would keep the focus of our church on the gospel and not on personalities or eloquent wisdom. Pray that the people of Riverview would not let personalities and personal preferences fracture our unity.