



**Sermon Discussion Guide | September 15, 2019**

**Week 1: 1 Corinthians 1:1-17**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HEAD</b> <i>Understanding the Truth</i></p>	<p><b>Read:</b> 1 Corinthians 1:1-17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>How do we see Paul setup the theme of the letter right from the start in these verses?</b> <i>(A blessed mess, as Godwin put it)</i></li> <li>● <b>Why is it significant that Paul starts off the letter encouraging them and affirming them?</b> (vs. 4-9) <i>They're jacked up in so many ways, but still God's people.</i></li> <li>● <b>What was the nature of the divisions that were creeping into the church at Corinth?</b> (vs.10-17)</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HEART</b> <i>Embracing the Truth</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>What are some ways that Christians (in general) tend to be divided?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Why do you think that is?</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>What are some specific evidences of grace you see in our Faith Church family?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Our Community Group?</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>● Author Jerry Bridges has said, "Our worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace. And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's grace." <b>How do we see that truth on display in our passage?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Which lie are you more prone to buy into: that you are beyond the REACH of God's grace OR that you are beyond the NEED of God's grace?</b></li> <li>○ <b>Why do you think that is?</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HANDS</b> <i>Living the Truth</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Throughout our passage (v1-17), count how many times Paul references the Lordship of Jesus Christ. <b>Why is this significant?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>How should the Lordship of Jesus shape how we approach dealing with division/strife amongst believers (specifically within the church &amp; CG context)?</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Are there any steps that you as an individual, or we as a Community Group, need to take in growing in Gospel unity with one another or with the church as a whole?</b></li> </ul>