"The Church People See"

Sunday, January 28, 2024, 10:30 a.m.
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI
Pastor Jonathan DeCou
1 Corinthians 1:10-17

BIG IDEA: Be the Church God expects.

"To the church of God at Corinth."
1 Corinthians 1:2a (CSB)

- People see <u>DIVISIONS</u> over <u>PREFERENCES</u>. (v10)
- People see <u>DIVISIONS</u> over <u>PERSONALITIES</u>. (v11-13)
- People see <u>DIVISIONS</u> over <u>PRIORITIES</u>. (v14-17)

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READ: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

THINK: Think about how others view God's Church, then ask yourself these questions: What divides the Church at Corinth (v10, 11-12, 15)? Who was Apollos (see Acts 18:24-19:1)? Why do you suppose certain Corinthian believers were "followers" of Peter (Cephas)? What about each leader (Apollos, Peter, Paul) might be a cause for boasting (eg. Which leader could best win Gentile converts? Mystics? Jews?) How does Paul undercut these divisions (v13-17)? What facts about Jesus are essential for a church to cease their internal strife?

DO: How do people see our church? How do people see me? What can I do to protect the unity of our church this week?