

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

One Point: When we worship people it causes disunity but when we worship Jesus we are united.

1. If you were a Crayola Crayon, what color would you be?
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Read v. 1-4

1. What is worship? What are some wrong ideas about what “worship” is?
 2. What were the Corinthians arguing about and how is it damaging to a church?
 3. Who are people that you tend to “follow?” Why did/do you follow them?
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Read v. 5-6

1. Paul said, “I planted, Apollos watered but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.” Why did he say this? What does he mean?
 2. We worship what we find our identity (meaning and significance) in. What are things, other than people, that we can worship?
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Read v. 7-9

1. How does the gospel help us in this worship and idolizing problem? How does reminding ourselves of the gospel create unity?
 2. We usually tend to mimic the person we idolize or “follow.” How does it feel to know that God doesn’t want you to be like someone else, but God wants you to be the person he created you to be while following Jesus?
 3. What are things that you can do to prevent from idolizing people?
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What I will be talking about

The Corinthians were having division over who was influential. It’s one thing to prefer one person over another but it’s an entirely different thing to find your identity in someone. That’s what they were doing. The Corinthians were worshiping Paul and Apollos. If I believe the gospel, I can’t worship or find my identity in another person because I find my identity (meaning and significance) in Jesus. The gospel removes any room for boasting in ourselves or others but in God’s work. We can be blessed by someone and give them honor but we don’t have to worship them.