

LIFEGROUPS

GOD'S KINGDOM — A DIFFERENT WORLD

1. What do you think are the three most important jobs/professions? How would you feel if you met someone in those professions?
2. Do you think there are different social/economic classes in our church?
3. Do you think status (place in society) has meaning in our church?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:10-31

4. What does Paul mean in verse 10? What does it mean to be united in the same mind and same judgement?
5. What does verse 18 mean?
6. In verse 22 Paul talks about signs and wisdom. Do you know people who want you to prove God, and others who want to see a miracle? What does Paul say about that? Does that affect the way we evangelise?
7. The Corinthian church looked up to the people who were better educated, and likewise the better educated looked down on the less educated. Do those attitudes exist today?
8. How can we as a church be united in mind and judgement with people in different social classes?

LEADER'S NOTES

The Corinthian church was a socially stratified environment, and although the majority of the congregation didn't come from the nobler/wealthier classes, there were still influential members who came from the upper classes.

The "wise" would belong to the educated classes - a good education was a privilege of the well-to-do. The powerful would be influential people. Those differences weren't just about power and influence, but also about status and social standing.

And what was happening was, the church was bringing those ideas and attitudes into the church, as opposed to seeing how they were meant to be different.