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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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GETTING STARTED

Following the Revivals of the First and Second Awakenings there was a thirst to return to the example of the early church.

Following the Reformation period the Protestant church had split and splintered into numerous denominations over differing theological interpretations of the Bible.

The Restoration Movement sought to establish unity on common ground and love one another through any differences.

INTO THE WORD

Read these verses and determine if the writer is presenting the essential convictions of “first importance” or disputable matters, or simply opinions.

1 Corinthians 15: 1-8

Galatians 6: 11-16

1 Corinthians 10: 23-33

Romans 14: 19-23

1 Corinthians 7: 39-40

Key Verse

"I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? I thank God that I did not baptise any of you except Crispus and Gaius, so no one can say that you were baptised in my name. (Yes, I also baptised the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptised anyone else.)"

1 Corinthians 1:10-16 NIV

GOING DEEPER

We should have few things that are Essential to our faith. Paul stated that when he first came to Corinth he determined to know nothing by Christ crucified. These are things on which scripture is clear and are undisputed. We should have more persuasions. These are things that some might interpret different to you.

Then there are things we believe that scripture is reasonably silent on. These are opinions and we can have many more of these. They are often determined by our culture and life experiences. We should never elevate opinions to things of most importance. History is littered with church splits based on opinions.

- **Are there beliefs that you have held or do hold where you have differed from other Christians?**
- **Are these things essential to Salvation or disputable matters?**
- **Make a list of your essentials to your Christian faith and a list of those things that are disputable or opinions you hold.**

Reflection

- **Take some time to think about your own journey with God.**
- **Focus on the things you have grown into during your walk with Him**
- **What areas do you think He is calling you to go deeper?**
- **What are the questions you still have and who could you go to with these?**

Living it out

The restoration movement of which York St is a part, has as its aim to restore the unity of the Body of Christ, and to return to the principles and actions of the early church.

- **What actions can you take this week to be restored to a brother or sister in Christ?**

Start reading through the book of Acts to explore how the early Christians lived out the prayer of Jesus to be one as He and the Father are one.

Memory verse

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1 Corinthians 1:10 NIV