

SUNDAY SERVICE 5-14-23

Review:

God's clear will and command is that there would be no divisions within the local church. Divisions confuse the Gospel message and mar the name of Jesus Christ. God's desire is that the Church would be a pillar and support of what is true (1 Tim. 3:15). The local church fulfills this by being "...united in the same mind and in the same judgement" (1 Cor. 1:10). As a local church we are to strive "to speak the same thing" when it comes to the truth of Scripture and Jesus Christ.

Life Group/Personal Discussion Questions...

1. If you had to give a report about MGBC what would you say? In what ways are you living/participating to contribute positively to this report?
2. Compare the report of Corinth (1 Cor. 1:11) with the report of Thessalonica (1 Thess. 1:8- 10). What are some of the major differences of these two reports?
3. Read through James 4:1-2. What are ways that you can evaluate the root of quarrels and fights in your own life?
4. Have you ever experienced a church split or division? What all was involved? How does your experience compare to what was happening in Corinth?
5. Read Eph. 4:4-16. What gifts has Christ given to the Church? Why did Christ give these gifts (for what purpose do they exist)? How can you grow in appreciating and gleaning from the gifts given to the Church?
6. What is the purpose of baptism? Have you been baptized? Why or why not?
7. What does it mean/look like to be "...united in the same mind and in the same judgment."? What steps do you need to take in your life that this would be a reality for you in the church?
8. In what ways have you put yourself or your own desires over others within the local church? How could you develop a Phil. 2:3 mindset in yourself with regards to the church?
9. Check out MGBC's Statement of Faith at [Martinsburg Grace Brethren Church | Statement of Faith \(mgbconline.com\)](https://www.mgbconline.com). Have you ever taken the time to study where you stand on these truths? Are these things that you agree to lift up and share within the local church? Why or why not?
10. On your own or with someone else, commit to study through the truths and passages associated with MGBC's Statement of Faith.

