

# Church in the Community Part 2

## The highest calling

### 1 Corinthians 1:10-31

#### I. Called into partnership

*"...he has invited you into partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." v 9b*

##### a. Maintain the unity of believers

###### i. Live in harmony

*"...live in harmony with each other." v 10*

###### ii. Don't be divisive

*"Let there be no division in the church." v 10*

###### iii. No room for factions

*"Some of you are saying, 'I am a follower of Paul.' Other are saying, 'I follow Apollos,' or 'I follow Peter,' or 'I follow only Christ. Has Christ been divided into factions?" v 12-13*

##### b. Recognise God is smart and we are not!

###### i. It's the message of cross that changes lives

*"For Christ didn't send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News-and not with clever speech, for fear that the cross of Christ would lose its power. The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God." v 17-18*

###### ii. Worldly brilliance is no match for God

*"So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish." v 20*

###### iii. The cross seems foolish to those who ignore God

*"The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction!" v 18*

###### iv. In Christ we have the power and wisdom of God

*"But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God." v 24*

#### II. Called to glory in God

*"Therefore as the Scriptures say, 'If you want to boast, boast only about the Lord.'" v 31*

##### a. By having a realistic understanding of yourself

*"Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you." v 26*

##### b. Remembering your calling

*"Instead, God chose things that world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful." v 27*

##### c. Rejoicing in all that Christ has given you

*"God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin." v 30*

*"As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God." v 29*