



small groups

Discussion Guide



Uncommon Glory

1 Corinthians 1:10-19

Ice Breaker

(5 minutes)

Discuss

- Andy told a story about a stranger who tried to scam him by threatening to reveal video of all the “evil things” he had been doing. What would you have done in that situation?
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Lesson Review

(40 minutes)

Read 1 Corinthians 1:10-31

In these verses, Paul uses a conjugate of the word moria. (μωρία) five times. Most English translations render that “foolishness” or “folly.” Paul is encouraging Christians

to embrace a lifestyle that will look foolish to unbelievers. We are invited to a life that others will mock.

Discuss

- How does that make you feel?
- On a scale of 1 to 10, how much do you worry about what other people think of you? (Answering this question will force you to wrestle with your answer to this question!)

Andy said the message of these verses is for us to reject the world's tactics for getting glory by "winning." He said our call is not to win but to serve. The reason winning appeals to us is that it strokes our pride.

Andy mentioned politics as an example of an Earthly venue in which we can fight to win rather than serve. He said, "You can win an election, but you have only won for a while if hearts aren't changed."

Discuss

Which of the following cultures would you rather create?

- A nation where people behave honorably out of duty, and whose laws reflect Christian morality, but where every heart is far from God.
 - A nation where there is strife and crime and rampant immorality, but with a remnant of people who are fully devoted to God.
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Application

(15 minutes)

Andy gave two points of application:

1. Offer Jesus your need, not your deeds.
2. Celebrate serving, not winning.

Discuss

- What do you think Andy meant by that?
- How can you put it into practice in your life this week?

