



## Part 2: Unity or Division

Last week, we were encouraged to check our own hearts before we make decisions. This week, Phillip challenged us to ask ourselves whether we are contributing to the **unity** or **division** of our fellow believers.

### Discussion Questions:

How does the **life** and **work** of Christ direct how we should treat those that have different views than we do?

David Platt says that, "In a country saturated by claims to rights, Christianity is a completely **counter-cultural** way of life." Flesh out the tension that exists between who our American culture calls us to be and who Jesus Christ calls us to be.

The most important tension we should be feeling is not red vs. blue, Republican vs. Democrat, or even Christian vs. non-Christian. **It is our personal preferences vs. that which is God glorifying.** Why do we consistently choose the former over the latter?

Romans 15:5-7 calls us to harmony with one another. Where do you need to work to be more harmonious in your relationships with others? (*friendships, dating relationships, marriage, relationships to your children, relationships to your parents, coworkers, people on social media, etc.*)

The Apostle Paul says that **love is** the fulfilling of the law. Is it easier for you to focus on love and disregard legalism or focus on legalism and forget to love?

It is important we remind ourselves that we will never be able to elect Jesus Christ as our nation's political leader. What steps can you personally take to pursue **the way of Jesus** and not the way of the American?

Spend some time in prayer for our nation and its current and future leaders. Ask the Lord to show you how you can better **love** those around you, **die** to your own rights, and **seek unity** in His name.